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Construction has begun on a “diverging diamond” interchange at 192nd Street and West Dodge Road.

ANNA REED, THE WORLD-HERALD

## ‘Diverging diamond’ coming to 192nd and West Dodge

The man who created the concept was inspired by Hot Wheels play

STEVE LIEWER  
World-Herald Staff Writer

Omaha motorists who have mastered roundabouts, are cool with cloverleaves, and deftly navigate that spaghetti-like convergence of Interstates 80 and 680 soon will have some learning to do. It’s called the “diverging diamond,” and it might bend your mind, at least at first. Omaha is about to get its first, on the West Dodge Expressway at 192nd Street.

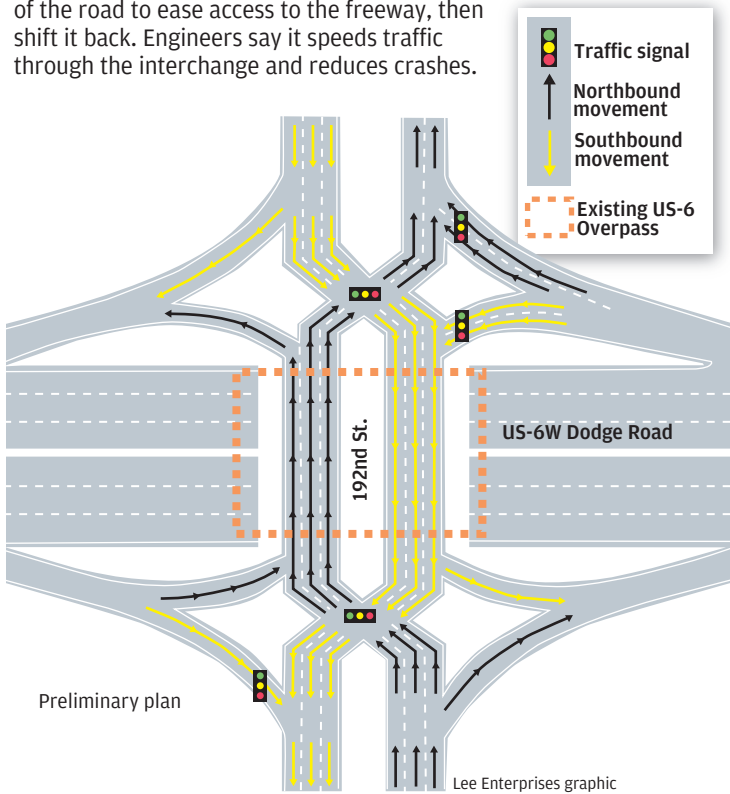
In a diverging diamond, traffic on the crossing street (in this case, 192nd) is shifted from the right to the left side of the road as it passes under or over a highway. Then it’s shifted back on the other side on the far side of the intersection.

Construction started last week at 192nd and West Dodge on what will be Nebraska’s second diverging diamond, an interchange system that first appeared in a 23-year-old’s term paper.

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### A new kind of interchange

Contractors have started construction on Omaha’s first “diverging diamond” interchange, on the West Dodge Expressway at 192nd Street. Its unusual feature is that it will move traffic on 192nd to the left side of the road to ease access to the freeway, then shift it back. Engineers say it speeds traffic through the interchange and reduces crashes.



## Police roles nixed for immigrants

Nebraska lawmakers scrapped a plan to let some immigrants work in law enforcement

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LINCOLN — Nebraska lawmakers reversed course Monday on a decision to allow some immigrants to work in law enforcement.

Voting 25-11, they removed an

amendment from Legislative Bill 894 that would have opened the door for immigrants with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status to get jobs as state troopers, police officers and sheriff’s deputies.

The Obama-era DACA program covers thousands of young adults who grew up in the United States after being brought into the country illegally as children.

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ANNA REED, THE WORLD-HERALD

State Sen. Teresa Ibach, shown on the opening day of the Legislature in January, introduced the original Legislative Bill 894.

## Lawyers say Trump can’t obtain \$454M bond

Attorney general says she could try to seize assets during appeal

MICHAEL R. SISAK  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump’s lawyers told a New York appellate court Monday that it’s impossible for him to post a bond covering the full amount of a \$454 million civil fraud judgment while he appeals, suggesting the former president’s legal losses have put him in a serious cash crunch.

Trump’s lawyers wrote in a court filing that “obtaining an appeal bond in the full amount” of the judgment “is not possible under the circumstances presented.” Trump claimed last year he has “fairly substantially over \$400 million in cash,” but back-to-back courtroom defeats have pushed his legal debt north of a half-billion dollars.

Citing rejections from more than 30 bond underwriters, Trump’s lawyers asked the state’s intermediate appeals court to reverse a ruling requiring that he post a bond covering the full amount to halt enforcement while he appeals the judgment in New York Attorney General Letitia James’ lawsuit.

Trump’s financial constraints are being laid bare as he appeals Judge Arthur Engoron’s Feb. 16 ruling that he and his co-defendants schemed for years to deceive banks and insurers by inflating his wealth on financial statements used to secure loans and make deals.

If the appeals court does not intervene, James can seek to enforce the judgment starting March 25. James, a Democrat, says she will try to seize some of Trump’s assets if he’s unable to pay.

With interest, Trump owes the state \$456.8 million. That amount increases almost \$112,000 each day. Together, he and co-defendants, including his company, sons Eric and Donald Trump Jr. and other executives, owe \$467.3 million.

To obtain a bond, they would be required to post collateral covering 120% of the judgment, or about \$557.5 million, Trump’s lawyers said.

Trump maintains that he is worth several billion dollars, but much of his wealth is tied up in his skyscrapers, golf courses and other properties. Few underwriters were willing to issue such a large bond and none would accept Trump’s real estate assets as collateral, instead requiring cash or cash equivalents, such as stocks or bonds, his lawyers said.

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# Authorities seize alligator being kept in NY swimming pool

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HAMBURG, N.Y. — An ailing alligator was seized from an upstate New York home where it was being kept illegally, state officials said.

Environmental conservation police officers seized the 750-pound, 11-foot-long alligator Wednesday from a home in Ham-

burg, south of Buffalo.

The home’s owner built an addition and installed an in-ground swimming pool for the 30-year-old alligator and allowed people, including children, to get into the water with the reptile, according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

The alligator has “blindness in both eyes” and spinal complications, among other health issues. The reptile was sent to a licensed caretaker until a place is found where it can receive permanent care, according to a release from the agency.

The owner’s state license to

keep the alligator expired in 2021. The state determined at that time the alligator’s holding area failed to meet safety standards. Officers took action this past week after learning the “extent at which the owner was seriously endangering the public,” according to a statement from the agency.

Tony Cavallaro, who told The Associated Press the alligator, Albert, had been with him since the 1990s, promised to fight for his return. Cavallaro said he treated the alligator like it was his kid.

“I’m not dangerous. I’m not being unsafe with people,” Cavallaro said.

## Immigrants

From A1

State Sen. Teresa Ibach of Sumner, who had introduced the original LB 894, asked colleagues Monday to take out the language that had been added during first-round debate on the bill.

She acknowledged that she had supported the concept when it was presented as a bill before the Judiciary Committee. She voted with the other seven committee members to advance LB 918, which was introduced by Sen. Justin Wayne of Omaha.

But Ibach said she started hear-

ing concerns from colleagues immediately after the DACA provision from LB 918 was added to LB 894.

She said she was asked why the amendment did not address other immigrants with authorization to work in the U.S., whether DACA immigrants could participate in state and county retirement programs and whether noncitizens could be allowed to carry guns and ammunition.

Ibach said she welcomed a broader discussion about those issues and pledged to work on a DACA bill over the summer, but she said she did not want to jeopardize her bill now.

LB 894 would require that a candidate for sheriff have a law enforcement officer certificate. The same requirement would apply to people appointed as sheriffs. In either case, the new sheriff would also need to obtain a sheriff’s certification once in office.

The bill was prompted by last year’s controversy over a sheriff in southwest Nebraska’s Dundy County, who was elected in 2022 without law enforcement certification and failed to obtain it in office. Voters recalled him by an overwhelming margin in November 2023.

On the DACA amendment issue, Sen. Mike Jacobson of North Platte

changed his mind after voting for the amendment earlier. He said Monday he had not realized all the implications of the amendment but he heard from many constituents after the vote.

“The second house made it abundantly clear to me they don’t like this amendment,” he said. Nebraskans commonly refer to the public as the second house to the state’s one-house Legislature.

Some senators defended the DACA amendment, however, noting that other states have passed such legislation or are considering it. Sen. Mike McDonnell of Omaha objected to waiting another year and said the provision would help

with workforce shortages in law enforcement now.

Sen. Terrell McKinney of Omaha argued that communities need to find creative policies to improve law enforcement, especially in minority communities. Wayne said DACA immigrants would be allowed to carry guns for work.

But Wayne also said that he understood Ibach’s position and did not want to kill her bill. LB 894 advanced to the final round of consideration after the amendment was removed.

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## Diamond

From A1

The first, at I-80 and Northwest 48th Street near the Lincoln Airport, opened in 2016.

The \$17.6 million project is funded through the Build Nebraska Act, a program begun in 2013 to fund highways, roads and streets across the state by tapping a quarter-cent of the state sales tax for 20 years.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation plans at least two more diverging diamond interchanges near Omaha in the next decade or so, said Barbara Gerbino-Bevins, Nebraska Department of Transportation District 2 traffic engineer for a five-county region that includes Douglas and Sarpy. Both are along I-80 — at Nebraska Highway 370, and at Nebraska Highway 50 (144th Street).

It might twist like a strand of DNA, but engineers say diverging diamond interchanges are safer, cheaper and move traffic more quickly by eliminating left-turn cycles at traffic lights.

“It seems a little odd,” Gerbino-Bevins said. “But Nebraska

has been looking into some of the nontraditional interchanges after seeing how they work in other states. We wanted to see if we could reap some of the benefits.”

Nebraskans might never have gotten a look at this odd duck of an interchange if Gilbert Chlewicki hadn’t been keen on crafting new types of tracks for his Hot Wheels cars when he was a boy.

“I was always drawing roads and intersections,” he said in an interview last week.

That childhood fascination grew into an adult interest in designing real interchanges and intersections. In 2000, the 23-year-old graduate student dreamed up the diverging diamond for a term paper in an engineering class at the University of Maryland.

His basic idea was that, by crossing traffic to the left, cars entering the freeway could simply merge left onto the on-ramp — without sitting at a light, waiting to make a left turn.

“You don’t need left-turn lanes anymore,” said Chlewicki, who is now a district traffic engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Within months of turning in

his paper, he traveled to France — and discovered that the diverging diamond already was in use there. He was glad to see his concept validated but a bit disappointed to find out he wasn’t the first to invent it.

He continued to champion the idea. A breakthrough came in 2003, when Chlewicki presented a paper on the diverging diamond at a traffic symposium in California.

“Some people looked at me like I was kind of crazy,” he recalled.

But the concept caught the attention of an engineer at the Federal Highway Administration, who studied the idea further and began lobbying transportation departments around the country to build one.

The Missouri DOT was the first to bite. It cut the ribbon on America’s first diverging diamond on Interstate 44 in Springfield, Missouri, in June 2009. That prompted Popular Science magazine to list it among the year’s top engineering innovations.

Chlewicki has traveled widely promoting the diverging diamond to traffic engineers. He said in the past 15 years, about 200 have been built around the country.

“It’s beyond my imagination,” he said.

One such presentation to the Nebraska DOT about 10 years ago led to the construction of the I-80/Northwest 48th Street diverging diamond — and, ultimately, to this second one in Omaha.

Chlewicki said concerns about the design focus on whether drivers will become unnerved driving to the left and instead veer right, into oncoming traffic.

In practice, he said, that doesn’t happen.

“We do all these little tricks in the design,” Chlewicki said. “The lane markings, the curving, the signs — it’s pretty intuitive when you drive it.”

He said repeated studies have validated the safety advantages. With no need for left turns, crashes are reduced by 35% and severe crashes by 70%.

“Once you realize the cost and safety benefits, it’s a no-brainer,” Chlewicki said.

Gerbino-Bevins said the public reaction was positive at an NDOT open house held in January 2023 to explain the future interchange.

“We ended up with a lot of people in the crowd who had seen

them other places and really liked them,” she said.

NDOT will try to minimize the pain during the nine months of construction, Gerbino-Bevins said. The agency is mindful that Methodist Women’s Hospital operates an emergency room just northeast of the interchange.

There should be little disruption on the busy West Dodge Expressway, with any lane paving taking place at night.

On 192nd Street, though, traffic will be reduced from four lanes to two. Temporary traffic signals will be placed north and south of Dodge. About 27,000 vehicles a day pass through the interchange on 192nd, according to NDOT traffic data.

“We’re keeping all of the ramps open during construction,” Gerbino-Bevins said. “That’s a high priority for us.”

Over time, Omahans will need to get used to the diverging diamond concept. Gerbino-Bevins said it’s likely to be the model for most new and reconstructed interchanges in the Omaha area in the future.

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## Trump

From A1

Trump’s lawyers said freeing up cash by offloading some of Trump’s properties in a “fire sale” would be impractical because such cut-rate deals would result in massive, irrecoverable losses.

Not mentioned in Trump’s court filings Monday was the presumptive Republican presidential nominee’s potential financial windfall from a looming deal to put his social media company, Trump Media & Technology Group, on the stock market.

A shareholder meeting is scheduled for Friday. If the deal is approved, Trump would own at least 58% of shares in the company, which runs his Truth Social platform. Depending on share price, that could be worth several billion dollars.

Trump asked a full panel of the intermediate appeals court, the Appellate Division of the state’s trial court, to stay the Engoron judgment while he appeals. His lawyers previously proposed a \$100 million bond, but Appellate Division Judge Anil C. Singh rejected that after an emergency hearing on Feb. 28. A stay is a legal mechanism pausing collection of a judgment during an appeal.



BEBETO MATTHEWS, ASSOCIATED PRESS

**New York Attorney General Letitia James speaks Feb. 16 during a briefing in New York.**

In a court filing last week, Senior Assistant Solicitor General Dennis Fan urged the full appellate panel to reject what he dubbed the defense’s “trust us” argument, contending that without a bond to secure the judgment Trump may attempt to evade enforcement at a later date and force the state to “expend substantial public resources” to collect the money owed.

A full bond is necessary, Fan wrote, in part because Trump’s lawyers “have never demonstrated that Mr. Trump’s liquid assets — which may fluctuate

over time — will be enough to satisfy the full amount of this judgment following appeal.”

Trump’s lawyers asked the Appellate Division panel to consider oral arguments on its request, and preemptively sought permission to appeal a losing result to the state’s highest court, the Court of Appeals.

Singh did grant some of Trump’s requests, including pausing a three-year ban on him seeking loans from New York banks. In their court filing Monday, Trump’s lawyers did not address whether they have sought a



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**Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump gestures toward the crowd Saturday at a campaign rally in Vandalia, Ohio.**

bank loan to cover the cost of the judgment or obtain cash for use as bond collateral.

Trump appealed Feb. 26, a few days after Engoron’s judgment was made official. His lawyers have asked the Appellate Division to decide whether Engoron “committed errors of law and/or fact” and whether he abused his discretion or “acted in excess” of his jurisdiction.

Trump wasn’t required to pay his penalty or post a bond to appeal, and filing the appeal did not automatically halt enforcement of the judgment. Trump would

receive an automatic stay if he were to put up money, assets or an appeal bond covering what he owes.

Gary Giulietti, an insurance broker friend enlisted by Trump to help obtain an appeal bond, wrote in an affidavit Monday: “A bond of this size is rarely, if ever, seen. In the unusual circumstance that a bond of this size is issued, it is provided to the largest public companies in the world, not to individuals or privately held businesses.”

Giulietti acts as an insurance broker for Trump’s company.

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Workers install the basketball court for the NCAA tournament inside the CHI Health Center on Monday.

## CHI HEALTH CENTER PREPS FOR NCAA TOURNAMENT

Omaha is hosting first- and second-round games this week

DAN CRISLER  
World-Herald Staff Writer

Around 10 a.m. Monday, about two dozen crew members were at work laying down the NCAA men's basketball tournament court at the CHI Health Center in downtown Omaha.

Having begun the job nearly three hours earlier, the crew worked quickly and efficiently — perhaps serving as an example of the experience the event center has had in hosting big events.

Eight teams are slated to arrive Wednesday. The event center will host the first two rounds on Thursday and Saturday.

If Brandon McCarville's words are any indication, the hosts are perhaps just as excited as the teams for the games to begin.

"There's something special about March Madness," said McCarville, the assistant athletic director of facility operations and events at Creighton University, which uses the arena for its regular season men's basketball games.

It has been six years since the CHI Health Center hosted the NCAA basketball tournament. The 20-year-old arena has periodically hosted NCAA basketball tournaments dating back to 2008.

CHI Health Center had been slated to host a portion of the 2020 tournament, but the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic canceled that year's event. Since then, McCarville said, officials have been preparing for this year.

"This planning really started back in 2020 when we found out we would host the first and second rounds this year," McCarville said. He noted there has been a lot of co-



Brandon McCarville, Creighton's assistant athletic director of facility operations and events, speaks during a press conference Monday as the NCAA tournament floor is being placed at the CHI Health Center. Eight teams are coming to Omaha for the tournament.

ordination with the City of Omaha, hotels and the Omaha Airport Authority.

Five teams will arrive by charter flights into Eppley Airfield, said Tim Schmitt, director of operations for the Omaha Airport Authority. Three teams — Iowa State University, Drake University and South Dakota State University — will travel to Omaha by bus. Those three teams play their home games less than 250 miles from Omaha.

The close proximity of those three campuses could make for a good turnout and some familiar faces, McCarville said. Drake Head Coach Darian DeVries was a longtime assistant coach with Creighton. Two SDSU assistants, Tyler Glidden and Bryan Petersen, worked under Creighton coach Greg McDermott when McDermott coached at Iowa State.

"I've heard a lot of Iowa State fans are coming," McCarville said. "We're obviously excited to have Drake head coach Darian DeVries back in the building. And we also

have some other staff at South Dakota State that are going to be here as well."

The NCAA tournament is projected to be a big economic generator for Omaha. According to a Visit Omaha spokeswoman, the tournament's economic impact is projected to be about \$7 million over a five-day period from Wednesday through Sunday.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, fans can come in to view teams' open practices, which start at 11 a.m., at no cost. Each team will get about one hour on the court. There won't be autograph opportunities.

In a change since the last time the CHI Health Center hosted the tournament, game tickets and payment for memorabilia and concessions will all be digital. The arena also has a clear-bag policy.

"At the end of the day, we are looking to provide an experience to these student-athletes, these coaches and these fans that's going to be second to none across the country," McCarville said. "They're going to remember Omaha."

### BRIEFLY

#### Head-on collision kills Schuyler man

A 20-year-old man died Saturday in a head-on collision on Nebraska Highway 15 near Schuyler.

Jovel Carreto of Schuyler was pronounced dead at CHI Health Schuyler. The two-vehicle crash occurred at 1:25 p.m. about two miles south of Schuyler, according to statement from the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators determined that Carreto was southbound on Highway 15 in a Chevrolet Impala. The Chevrolet entered the northbound lane to pass another vehicle and collided with a Ford F-150 pickup truck.

The driver of the pickup was taken to CHI Health Schuyler where he was treated and released. — **Kevin Cole**

#### Man dies after being ejected in crash

A 53-year-old man died Sunday after being ejected during a one-vehicle crash on the south side of Norfolk in northeast Nebraska.

Clayton J. Wuestwald was pronounced dead at the scene, according to a statement from the Norfolk Police Department. The crash occurred about 8:20 a.m. in the 2300 block of South 5th Street.

Investigators determined that Wuestwald was southbound when he lost control of a Chevrolet Venture, overcorrected and overturned when it went off the east side of 5th Street. Wuestwald, the minivan's sole occupant, was not wearing a seat belt.

Norfolk police and Norfolk fire personnel responded to the scene. — **Kevin Cole**

#### Road rage incident on I-80 leads to arrest

An Iowa man was arrested Saturday after he allegedly showed a handgun during a road rage incident on Interstate 80, according to the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office.

A 24-year-old man was driving on I-80 near mile marker 393 about 2:20 a.m. He was alongside another driver and pulled out a gun and began pointing it toward him, which prompted the driver to brake and call law enforcement, Chief Deputy Ben Houchin said.

Deputies managed to find and stop the 24-year-old from the description the other driver provided.

During the stop, the man told deputies he did not have firearms in the car. Law enforcement searched the vehicle and found a black handgun in the back pocket of the driver seat, Houchin said.

It is not known what started the incident, and the drivers were not familiar with each other, Houchin said.

The man who allegedly pulled out the gun was arrested on suspicion of using a weapon to commit a felony, terroristic threats and possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

He is currently being held at the Lancaster County jail. — **Lincoln Journal Star**

#### Boy, 5, dies after ATV accident in Sidney

A 5-year-old Sidney, Nebraska, boy has died of injuries he suffered as the result of an ATV accident March 8.

According to social media reports, the accident occurred March 8 on a farm south of Hay Springs when the child drove an ATV in front of a tractor driven by a family member. The tractor struck the child. The boy was transported to Chadron Community Hospital, where he died.

The boy has been identified in an obituary as Case Schoening, the son of Bryan and Brooke Schoening, of Sidney. Services were held Friday in Sidney.

Donations for the family can be made at Security First Bank in Sidney or via Venmo, @CaseSchoeningMemorial. The Sidney Dairy Queen has also announced a fundraiser for the family. — **Scottsbluff Star-Herald**

## Boy dies of injuries; Gering man charged

MAUNETTE LOEKS  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald

A 1-year-old child died Saturday of injuries he suffered days earlier that led to the arrest of a 32-year-old Gering man.

According to a social media post by a family member, the child, Gideon Lockwood, died at a Colorado hospital, where he had been transported after initially being treated at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff.

Police arrested a Gering man, Tyler Green, Wednesday, accusing him in court documents of injuring the child. Green was arraigned in Scotts Bluff County Court later Wednesday on charges of committing child abuse with intent resulting in injury to a child. He remains jailed on \$1 million bail.

Details of the allegations were included in an arrest affidavit. The affidavit outlines that Gering police and medical personnel were called to a Gering home where a 1-year-old child had been reported to be vomiting blood. A caller told dispatchers that the boy had a lot of blood coming out of his mouth



Green

identified as Green. Green told the deputy that the child had diarrhea and "had made a mess on the floor and the walls." He said he had given the child a bath to clean him, and he had begun vomiting blood. The man told the deputy he had called for the child's mother, who was downstairs, to bring him his phone to call 911.

However, according to the arrest affidavit, the deputy found Green's story to be inconsistent as he didn't observe any mess from the child having suffered from diarrhea or water in the bathtub. He did observe a drop of blood in the bathroom. The deputy also told an investigating officer that the child had a lot of blood around his mouth and a bruise on the left side of his head.

and had gone limp. The caller described the boy as unresponsive but breathing.

At the scene, a Scotts Bluff County sheriff's deputy spoke to the caller, who was downstairs, to bring him his phone to call 911.

Medical personnel treating the child at Regional West Medical Center's Emergency Room told police that he suffered bruising and lacerations to his genital area. He also had a lowered body temperature of 82 degrees. The child had to be given a blood transfusion, and after a CT scan, he was transported to Children's Hospital in Colorado for additional treatment.

Police interviewed a Regional West doctor who told police that the boy had suffered a crushing injury to his genital area and lacerations. He suffered several contusions and hematomas to his face, lower back and chest. The doctor said he also had observed bruising on the child's buttocks and legs. The boy suffered internal injuries with bruising to the lungs, as well as blood in his lungs. A CT scan showed that the child had suffered a hypoxic brain injury, which would be caused by the the child's brain not getting enough oxygen, police said in the arrest affidavit.

According to the arrest affidavit, the doctor told police "the mechanism of injury appeared inten-

tional" and "that the amount of bruising ... would be on par to having the child put in a clothes dryer and turned on."

Police arrested Green at his home and interviewed him at the Gering Police Department. They also interviewed the child's mother, who told police that Green and she had been drinking earlier in the evening and that he had an altercation with his former wife. The woman told police she had gone to bed and was awakened to Green screaming. She said she observed him holding the child, wrapped in a towel. She said she and Green then called 911.

Green also allegedly told police that he had been the one caring for the child and that the child's mother had been downstairs when the injuries would have occurred.

The Star-Herald has reached out to Scotts Bluff County Attorney Dave Eubanks to see whether the County Attorney's Office will amend its charges after the death of the boy but hasn't heard back.

Green is scheduled to appear in court March 28 for a preliminary hearing.



DIGEST

Court extends block on Texas migrant law

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday continued to block, for now, a Texas law that would give police broad powers to arrest migrants suspected of illegally entering the U.S. while the legal battle it sparked over immigration authority plays out.

A one-page order signed by Justice Samuel Alito indefinitely prevents Texas from enforcing a sweeping state immigration enforcement law that had been set to take effect this month. The language of the order strongly suggests the court will take additional action, but it is unclear when.

It marks the second time Alito has extended a pause on the law, known as Senate Bill 4, which the Justice Department has argued would step on the federal government’s immigration powers.

Court rejects official’s appeal of Jan. 6 ban

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court rejected an appeal Monday from a former New Mexico county commissioner who was kicked out of office over his participation in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Former Otero County Commissioner Couy Griffin, a cowboy pastor who rode to national political fame by embracing then-President Donald Trump, is the only elected official thus far to be banned from office in connection with the Capitol attack.

At a 2022 trial in state district court, Griffin received the first disqualification from office in more than a century under a provision of the 14th Amendment written to prevent former Confederates from serving in government after the Civil War.

Though the Supreme Court ruled this month that states don’t have the ability to bar Trump or other candidates for federal offices from the ballot, the justices said different rules apply to state and local candidates.

BRIEFLY

**INFLUENCER ARRESTED:** Conservative social media influencer Isabella Maria DeLuca has been charged with storming the U.S. Capitol and passing a stolen table out of a broken window, allowing other rioters to use it as a weapon against police, according to court records unsealed Monday.

**HAITI UPRISING:** Gangs attacked two upscale neighborhoods in Haiti’s capital early Monday in a rampage that left at least a dozen people dead in surrounding areas as a surge in violence that began Feb. 29 continues unabated.

**ARMS SUPPLY:** North Korea has shipped about 7,000 containers filled with munitions and other military equipment to Russia since last year to help support its war in Ukraine, South Korea’s defense minister said Monday.

**DEMOCRACY:** U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken underscored the need to make sure that technologies sustain democratic values Monday, telling a democracy summit in Seoul, South Korea, that authoritarian regimes deploy them to undermine democracy and human rights.

**WOMEN’S HEALTH:** President Joe Biden signed an executive order Monday aimed at advancing the study of women’s health by strengthening data collection and providing better funding opportunities for biomedical research.

**TALIBAN TARGETED:** Pakistani airstrikes targeted multiple suspected hideouts of the Pakistani Taliban inside neighboring Afghanistan early Monday, the foreign ministry said, in attacks the Afghan Taliban said killed at least eight.

— Associated Press

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SUPREME COURT

Justices talk free speech

GOP-led states argued that Democrats stifled views of conservatives

MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court seemed likely Monday to side with the Biden administration in a dispute with Republican-led states over how far the federal government can go to combat controversial social media posts on topics including COVID-19 and election security in a case that could set standards for free speech in the digital age.

The justices seemed broadly skeptical during nearly two hours of arguments that a lawyer for

Louisiana, Missouri and other parties presented accusing officials in the Democratic administration of leaning on the social media platforms to unconstitutionally suppress conservative points of view.

Lower courts sided with the states, but the Supreme Court blocked those rulings while it considers the issue.

Several justices said they were concerned that routine interactions between government officials and the platforms could be affected by a ruling for the states.

In one example, Justice Amy Coney Barrett expressed surprise when Louisiana Solicitor General J. Benjamin Aguiñaga questioned whether the FBI could call Facebook and X (formerly Twitter)

to encourage them to take down posts that maliciously released someone’s personal information without permission — the practice known as doxxing.

“Do you know how often the FBI makes those calls?” Barrett asked, suggesting they happen frequently.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh also signaled that a ruling for the states would mean that “traditional, everyday communications would suddenly be deemed problematic.”

Monday’s social media case was among several the court is considering that affect companies in the context of free speech.

Justices also appeared receptive Monday to National Rifle Association claims that a former New York state official violated its

free-speech rights by pressuring banks and insurance companies to blacklist the group after the deadly school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

The NRA sued former New York State Department of Financial Services superintendent Maria Vullo, who the group says used her regulatory power to economically punish the group for its gun-rights stance in violation of the First Amendment.

The Biden administration backed some of the NRA’s claims and encouraged the high court to reverse a lower court decision to toss out the suit. The NRA is being represented by a group often on the other end of the political spectrum: The American Civil Liberties Union.

MIDDLE EAST



FATIMA SHBAIR, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Family members break their fast Monday during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan outside their destroyed home in Rafah, Gaza Strip.

Netanyahu to send officials to US

UN food organization says famine ‘imminent’ in north part of Gaza

AAMER MADHANI, ZEKE MILLER  
AND JULIA FRANKEL  
Associated Press

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu agreed Monday to send a team of Israeli officials to Washington to discuss a prospective Rafah operation with Biden administration officials, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said.

The agreement to hold talks about Rafah came as Biden and Netanyahu spoke Monday, their

first interaction in more than a month, as the divide has grown between allies over the food crisis in Gaza and Israel’s conduct during the war, according to the White House.

The White House is skeptical of Netanyahu’s plan to carry out an operation in the southern city of Rafah, where about 1.5 million displaced Palestinians are sheltering, as Israel looks to eliminate the Hamas militant organization.

Sullivan said Biden urged Netanyahu not to carry out a Rafah operation. At the coming talks, he said U.S. officials will lay out “an alternative approach that would target key Hamas elements in Rafah and secure the Egypt-Gaza

border without a major ground invasion.”

The World Food Program warned Monday that “famine is imminent” in northern Gaza, where 70% of the remaining population is experiencing catastrophic hunger, and that a further escalation of the war could push about half of Gaza’s population to the brink of starvation.

The European Union’s top diplomat said the impending famine was “entirely man-made” as “starvation is used as a weapon of war.”

Meanwhile, Israeli forces meanwhile launched another raid on the Gaza Strip’s largest hospital early Monday, claiming

Hamas militants fired on them from inside the Shifa Hospital compound.

Clashes continued all day in and around the hospital, where Palestinian officials say tens of thousands of people have been sheltering.

The army last raided Shifa Hospital in November after claiming that Hamas maintained an elaborate command center within and beneath the facility. The military revealed a tunnel leading to underground rooms, as well as weapons it said were found inside the hospital, but the evidence fell short of the earlier claims and critics accused the army of recklessly endangering civilians.

EPA bans the last form of asbestos used in US

Deadly carcinogen is still legal decades after a partial ban enacted

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency announced a comprehensive ban Monday on asbestos, a carcinogen that kills tens of thousands of Americans every year but is still used in some chlorine bleach, brake pads and other products.

The final rule marks a major expansion of EPA regulation under a landmark 2016 law that overhauled regulations governing tens of thousands of toxic chemicals in everyday products.

The new rule would ban chrys-

otile asbestos, the only ongoing use of asbestos in the U.S.

EPA Administrator Michael Regan called the final rule a major step to protect public health.

“With today’s ban, EPA is finally slamming the door on a chemical so dangerous that it has been banned in over 50 countries,” Regan said. “This historic ban is more than 30 years in the making, and it’s thanks to amendments that Congress made in 2016 to fix the Toxic Substances Control Act,” the main U.S. law governing use of chemicals.

Exposure to asbestos is known to cause lung cancer, mesothelioma and other cancers, and it is linked to more than 40,000 deaths in the U.S. each year.

Trump wants Georgia district attorney gone

Former president and others seek to appeal decision to keep Willis

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Former President Donald Trump and other defendants in Georgia’s election interference case filed court papers Monday seeking to appeal a judge’s ruling not to disqualify Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis from their prosecution or dismiss the charges.

The resignation of the special prosecutor with whom Willis had a romantic relationship is not enough to correct the appearance of impropriety the judge found, according to a court filing

by attorneys for Trump, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows and five other defendants.

The filing asks Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee to grant a certificate that would allow his decision to be reviewed by the Georgia Court of Appeals. A spokesman for Willis said the district attorney’s office couldn’t comment.

McAfee ruled Friday that special prosecutor Nathan Wade had to leave the case or Willis couldn’t continue to pursue the charges. Wade later resigned, allowing Willis to remain on the most sprawling of four criminal cases against the likely GOP nominee in the 2024 presidential election.



# Israel urges UN to reject famine order

**MIKE CORDER**  
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Israel has urged the top U.N. court to reject the latest request by South Africa for interim orders to prevent starvation in Gaza as part of a case accusing Israel of breaching the Genocide Convention with its military offensive against Hamas.

In a written response published Monday by the International Court of Justice, Israel said that claims by South Africa in its request filed this month are “wholly unfounded in fact and law, morally repugnant, and represent an abuse both of the Genocide Convention and of the Court itself.”

Israel’s response was published on the day that the U.N. food agency said that “famine is imminent” in northern Gaza, where 70% of the remaining population is experiencing catastrophic hunger, and that a further escalation of the war could push around half of Gaza’s total population to the brink of starvation.

The food agency’s statement came less than two weeks after South Africa urged the world court “to do what is within its power to save Palestinians in Gaza from genocidal starvation.”

Israel also said in its response that it is “doing a great deal to alleviate such suffering in these very challenging circumstances.”

No date has been set for judges to rule on the South African request.

At hearings in January, lawyers for Israel argued that the war in Gaza was a legitimate defense of its people and that it was Hamas militants who were guilty of genocide.

EPPLEY AIRFIELD DINING AND RETAIL CONCESSIONS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



Eppley Airfield issued a Dining and Retail Concessions Request for Proposals on **Monday, March 18, 2024**

The Omaha Airport Authority is seeking responses from companies with qualifying experience in airport dining and retail concessions to enter into one of two Dining and Retail Concessions Agreements at Eppley Airfield.

Proposals will be received until **2:00 pm CT on June 14, 2024**

To contact the Omaha Airport Authority, email [ConcessionsRFP@FlyOMA.com](mailto:ConcessionsRFP@FlyOMA.com)

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# Fed likely to preach patience on rate cuts

**CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Across the United States, many people are eagerly anticipating the Federal Reserve’s first cut to its benchmark interest rate this year.

Prospective home buyers hope for lower mortgage rates. Wall Street traders envision higher stock prices. Consumers are looking for a break on credit card debt at record-high interest rates.

Not to mention President Joe Biden, whose re-election campaign would likely benefit from an economic jolt stemming from lower borrowing rates.

Yet Chair Jerome Powell and his fellow Fed officials are expected to play it safe when they meet his week, keeping their rate unchanged for a fifth straight time and signaling that they still need further evidence that inflation is returning sustainably to their 2% target.

The Fed’s cautious approach illustrates what’s unusual about this round of potential rate cuts. Vincent Reinhart, chief economist at Dreyfus-Mellon and a former Fed economist, notes that the Fed typically cuts rates quickly as the economy deteriorates in an often-futile effort to prevent a recession.

But this time, the economy is still healthy. The Fed is considering rate cuts only because inflation has steadily fallen from a peak of 9.1% in June 2022. As a result, it is approaching rate cuts the way it usually does rate hikes: Slowly and methodically, while trying to divine the economy’s direction from often-conflicting data.

“The Fed is driving events, not events driving the Fed,” Reinhart said. “That’s why this task is different than others.”

The central bank’s policymakers said after their last meeting in January that they needed “greater confidence” that inflation was cooling decisively to-

ward their 2% target. Since then, the government has issued two inflation reports that showed the pace of price increases remaining sticky-high.

In most respects, the U.S. economy remains remarkably healthy. Employers keep hiring, unemployment remains low, the stock market is hovering near record highs and inflation has plummeted from its highs. Yet average prices remain much higher than they were before the pandemic — a source of unhappiness for many Americans for which Republicans have sought to pin blame on Biden.

Excluding volatile food and energy costs, so-called core prices rose at a monthly pace of 0.4% in both January and February, a pace far higher than is consistent with the Fed’s inflation target. Compared with a year earlier, core prices rose 3.8% in February. Core prices are considered a good signal of where inflation is likely headed.

But in February, a measure of housing costs slowed, a notable trend because housing is among the “stickiest” price categories that the government tracks. At the same time, more volatile categories, like clothing, used cars and airline tickets, drove up prices in February, and they may well reverse course in coming months.

“Nothing about those two data prints made you feel substantially better about” inflation reaching the Fed’s target soon, said Seth Carpenter, chief global economist at Morgan Stanley and also a former Fed economist. “But it’s not at all enough to make you change your view on the fundamental direction of travel” for inflation.

Indeed, several Fed officials have said in recent speeches that they expect inflation to keep declining this year, though likely more slowly than in 2023.

## Markets Recap

	NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	3,617	4,602
Pvs. Volume	7,497	7,806
Advanced	1134	1470
Declined	1175	2031
New Highs	124	82
New Lows	33	111

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD
DOW	38898.41	38760.79	38790.43	+75.66	+0.20%	▲	▲	▲	+2.92%
DOW Trans.	15577.97	15412.11	15417.58	-81.05	-0.52%	▼	▼	▼	-3.03%
DOW Util.	858.28	846.44	853.35	+3.06	+0.36%	▲	▲	▼	-3.21%
NYSE Comp.	17922.14	17846.09	17882.31	+34.23	+0.19%	▲	▲	▲	+6.11%
NASDAQ	16247.59	16094.17	16103.45	+130.27	+0.82%	▲	▲	▲	+7.28%
S&P 500	5175.60	5145.47	5149.42	+32.33	+0.63%	▲	▲	▲	+7.96%
S&P 400	2934.49	2917.42	2918.02	-5.74	-0.20%	▼	▲	▲	+4.91%
Wilshire 5000	51963.11	51445.53	51719.31	+273.78	+0.53%	▲	▲	▲	+7.09%
Russell 2000	2044.07	2024.57	2024.74	-14.58	-0.72%	▼	▼	▲	-0.12%
Crude oil (bbl)	83.09	81.01	82.72	+1.68	+2.07%	▲	▲	▲	+15.45%
Gold (oz)	2160.70	2146.20	2160.70	+3.40	+0.16%	▼	▲	▲	+4.77%
10-yr T-Note	4.33	4.33	4.33	+0.02	+0.46%	▲	▲	▲	+11.89%

Closing figures for Monday, March 18, 2024

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NAME	TKR	LAST	CHG	%CHG	YTD VOLUME (00s)	PE	DIV	NAME	TKR	LAST	CHG	%CHG	YTD VOLUME (00s)	PE	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	1730	+25	+3.1	341,786	9	1.11	JPMorgan Chase	JPM	192.66	+2.36	+13.3	90,040	12	4.20f
Alphabet Inc A	GOOGL	147.68	+6.50	+5.7	692,064	28	...	Kellogg Co	K	54.77	+1.21	-2.0	37,857	20	2.24
Amazon.com Inc	AMZN	174.48	+0.6	+14.8	311,903	60	...	Lamb Weston Holdg	LW	102.86	+8.0	-4.8	12,899	15	1.44f
Apple Inc	AAPL	173.72	+1.10	-9.8	753,003	27	.96	Lindsay Corp	LNN	112.21	-2.84	-13.1	857	17	1.40f
Bank of America	BAC	36.01	+6.0	+6.9	506,067	12	.96	Lumen Technologies	LUMN	1.61	+0.4	-12.0	80,682	...	...
Becton Dickinson	BDX	237.72	+1.01	-2.5	11,418	56	3.80f	Microsoft Corp	MSFT	417.32	+9.0	+11.0	200,720	40	3.00
Berkshire Hath A	BRK/A	617.880	-254	+13.9	167	10	...	Nelnet Inc	NNI	87.37	-5.3	-1.0	1,090	13	1.12f
Berkshire Hath B	BRK/B	408.41	+28	+14.5	37,748	56	...	Nucor Corp	NUE	189.80	+1.32	+9.1	10,830	11	2.16f
Boeing Co	BA	179.84	-2.69	-31.0	91,854	...	...	PayPal Holdings	PYPL	64.23	+1.38	+4.6	142,035	17	...
Buckle Inc	BKE	37.12	-1.71	-21.9	6,572	8	1.40a	Principal FncI Grp	PFG	82.25	-3.0	+4.6	17,844	14	2.76f
CSG Systems Int	CSGS	50.77	-1.7	-4.6	4,304	23	1.20f	Schwab Corp	SCHW	67.40	+36	-2.0	65,653	27	1.00f
Caterpillar Inc	CAT	351.90	+4.93	+19.0	25,168	17	5.20	3M Company	MMM	104.80	-2.0	-4.1	55,361	...	6.04f
Citigroup	C	58.63	+1.02	+14.0	139,188	15	2.12f	Travelers Cos	TRV	221.92	+9.9	+6.5	10,319	17	4.00
CocaCola Co	KO	60.13	+25	+2.0	148,301	24	1.84f	Union Pacific Corp	UNP	244.36	+2.3	+5	22,803	23	5.20
ConAgra Brands Inc	CAG	28.22	+15	-1.5	47,354	20	1.40f	UPS class B	UPS	151.69	-1.68	-3.5	51,815	15	6.52f
Deere Co	DE	385.31	+1.92	-3.6	11,344	11	5.88f	US Bancorp	USB	42.47	+3.9	-1.9	81,655	13	1.92
DuPont de Nemours	DD	73.52	+0.9	-4.4	25,090	79	1.52f	Unitedhealth Group	UNH	487.05	-3.77	-7.5	29,464	20	7.52f
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	112.30	+1.03	+12.3	167,638	13	3.80f	Valmont Ind	VMI	212.53	-2.20	-9.0	1,514	17	2.40f
Fiserv	FI	152.15	+2.52	+14.5	22,111	30	...	Verizon Comm	VZ	39.93	+4.4	+5.9	161,970	14	2.66f
Ford Motor	F	12.18	+12	-1	365,446	11	.60a	WalMart Strs	WMT	60.86	+18	...	160,988	30	.83
General Motors Co	GM	40.82	+1.3	+13.6	161,222	6	.48f	Wells Fargo & Co	WFC	57.77	+2.6	+17.4	163,582	12	1.40
Green Plains Inc	GPRE	20.92	+66	-17.0	9,214	...	.48	Werner Enterpr	WERN	37.29	-4.6	-12.0	5,808	11	.56f
Hormel Foods	HRL	34.35	+21	+7.0	37,990	21	1.13f	Winebago Inds	WGO	63.50	-1.37	-12.9	9,148	10	1.24f
IBM	IBM	191.69	+62	+17.2	54,061	24	6.64								

**Dividend Footnotes:** a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known, yield not shown. t - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on ex-distribution date. **PE Footnotes:** q - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months. **Source:** The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

# Stocks climb during busy week

**STAN CHOE**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks rose Monday ahead of a busy week for central banks around the world that could dictate where interest rates go.

The S&P 500 added 32.33 points, or 0.6%, to 5,149.42, coming off its first back-to-back weekly losses since October. At one point during the day, it was on track to surpass its all-time closing high set last week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 75.66, or 0.2%, to 38,790.43, and the Nasdaq composite gained 130.27, or 0.8%, to 16,103.45.

The highlight for Wall Street

this week will likely be the Federal Reserve’s meeting on interest rates, which ends Wednesday. The widespread expectation is for the central bank to hold its main interest rate steady at its highest level since 2001.

But Fed officials will also give updated forecasts for where they see interest rates heading this year and in the long run. They earlier penciled in three cuts to rates this year, which would relieve pressure on the economy and financial system.

Recent reports on inflation have consistently been coming in worse than expected, though. That could force the Fed to trim how many rate cuts it foresees delivering this year.

Such a move would be a sore disappointment for Wall Street, where stock prices have already run up partly on expectations for lower rates. Treasury yields in the bond market have also eased since last autumn on such expectations, though they’ve pared those losses on worries about stubbornly high inflation.

It’s possible that the Fed could keep its main interest rate near its current level throughout this year, according to Joe Davis, Vanguard’s chief global economist. The investment giant recently raised its baseline outlook for the U.S. economy to see no recession in 2024, but it also raised its forecast slightly for underlying inflation trends.

# What to watch TUESDAY

March 19, 2024

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## Dinner Party Diaries With José Andrés

**Prime Video**

James Beard-winning chef José Andrés welcomes movie and TV stars Jamie Lee Curtis, Bryan Cranston and O’Shea Jackson Jr. into the kitchen in this unique half-hour special. Cooking his signature Spanish-influenced recipes, Andrés engages in vibrant, hilarious conversations with his guests while showing off some easy-to-learn cooking techniques.

## NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament: First Four

**truTV, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Live**

The 2024 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament tips off in Dayton, Ohio, with the First Four games tonight and Wednesday to determine which teams move on to the field of 64.

## FBI

**CBS, 7 p.m.**

The FBI team must work quickly when a Brooklyn migrant-center director and his wife are abducted and held hostage in the new episode “Sacrifice.”

## The Cleaning Lady

**FOX, 7 p.m.**

While Thony (Élodie Yung) is tasked with cleaning cars for Ramona (Kate del Castillo), she comes across a distressed woman in need of medical attention in the new episode “El Camino del Diabolo.”

## Night Court

**NBC, 7 p.m.**

In the new episode “The Duke’s a Hazard,” Gurgs’ (Lacretta) royal boyfriend pays a surprise visit, and she questions their compatibility. Meanwhile, Dan (John Larroquette) defends his family’s honor after he discovers a feud that dates back centuries.



‘Dinner Party Diaries With José Andrés’

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## Extended Family

**NBC, 7:30 p.m.**

In the new episode “The Consequences of Being Irish,” Jim (Jon Cryer) learns of Trey’s (Donald Faison) St. Patrick’s Day fundraiser plans, and he offers his expertise in an effort to save Trey and the Celtics from embarrassment.

## FBI: International

**CBS, 8 p.m.**

When a disgraced former U.S. Cabinet member is arrested in Vienna, the Fly Team is sent to investigate whether he and his assistant were peddling classified government documents in the new episode “Death by Inches.”

## Alert:

## Missing Persons Unit

**FOX, 8 p.m.**

A young woman goes missing hours before giving birth, and the adopting mother turns to the MPU to locate her before the baby’s life is risked in the new episode “Gemma & Isabel.”

# CATCH A CLASSIC

## Bron-a-Thon

**MOVIES!, beginning at 10:25 a.m.**

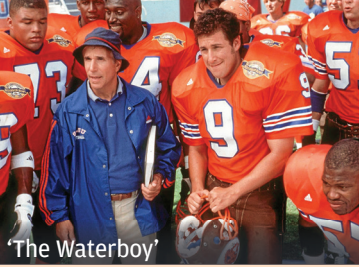
Legendary actor Charles Dennis Buchinsky, better known as Charles Bronson, leads four action-packed films this afternoon: the 1976 crime thriller **St. Ives (pictured)**, co-starring John Houseman, Jacqueline Bisset and Maximilian Schell; **The Evil That Men Do** (1984), an action thriller also featuring Theresa Saldana; **Breakout** (1975), an action movie that finds Bronson with a little more lighthearted and comedic



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tone as he stars alongside his then-wife Jill Ireland as well as Robert Duvall and John Huston; and **Love and Bullets** (1979), a crime film again co-starring Ireland along with Rod Steiger and Henry Silva.

# MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



TOUCHSTONE PICTURES

**Easter Under Wraps** (2019, Romance-comedy) Fiona Gubelmann, Brendan Penny **Hallmark, 5 p.m.**

**Road Trip Hostage** (2023, Suspense) Veronica Ramirez, Lukas Stafford **LMN, 5 p.m.**

**The Other Woman** (2014, Romance-comedy) Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann **Freeform, 5 p.m.**

**Police Academy** (1984, Comedy) Steve Guttenberg, Kim Cattrall **AMC, 6 p.m.**

**Star Wars: Return of the Jedi** (1983, Science fiction) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford **FX, 6 p.m.**

**Red 2** (2013, Action) Bruce Willis, John Malkovich **VH1, 6:30 p.m.**

**A Picture of Her** (2023, Romance) Rhiannon Fish, Tyler Hynes **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

**Secrets in the Desert** (2023, Suspense) Kayleigh Ruller, Cailin McDonald **LMN, 7 p.m.**

**The Day After Tomorrow** (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal **Paramount, 7 p.m.**

**The Proposal** (2009, Romance-comedy) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds **Freeform, 7:30 p.m.**

**The Waterboy** (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates **FXM, 8:30 p.m.**

**Disappearance in Yellowstone** (2022, Drama) Lucie Guest, Jonathan Scarfe **LMN, 9 p.m.**

From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com



TCM	*** Grey Gardens ('75, Documentary) Former socialites become recluses in decrepit mansion.			*** La Promesse ('96, Drama) (Jérémy Renard) teenager befriends a widowed illegal immigrant.								
TLC	My Knees <i>N</i>		Skin/Peeling <i>N</i>		My Baby Weighs <i>N</i>		Body/Shah <i>N</i>					
TNT	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Boston Celtics. <i>N</i>			In NBA <i>N</i>		*** Shar <i>N</i>						
TRAVEL	Delicious		Delicious		Bizarre Foods/Zimmerman		Best Bars		Best Bars		Delicious	
TRU	Carbonaro		Carbonaro		Carbonaro		Carbonaro		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers	

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OPINION

THE PUBLIC PULSE

No free needles

I am writing to express frustration with State Sen. Megan Hunt's effort to pursue the distribution of taxpayer-funded hypodermic needles to drug addicts. Gov. Jim Pillen said no. We all know that providing taxpayer-funded tools to individuals who are violating society's laws is ineffective. Build further upon this initiative's foundation and it's not hard to imagine advocating for taxpayer-funded automobiles that have safety features to protect alcoholics who decide to drive and hurt themselves in car accidents. What about providing safe firearms to bank robbers and muggers, to preclude self-harm? These are extremes but illuminate the slippery slope Sen. Hunt wants Nebraska to start down. I don't want Nebraska to learn what Oregon recently discovered, as they revise their drug decriminalization experiment due to a rise in drug use and deaths. I especially don't want this done on my dime!

Drug use and addiction are serious crimes that impact addicts, their families, neighbors, and the society these people have a responsibility to contribute to. Enabling drug use by giving out needles at society's expense is not going to fix these people. We need serious solutions that are within available resources and embrace personal accountability.

Michael R. Fischer, Bellevue

Military warnings

In the last six years, more than 700 former defense department leaders have spoken out against Donald Trump.

A New York Times editorial condemning Trump was signed by Admirals Steve Abbot, James Loy, John Nathman and William Owens; and four-star Generals Peter Chiarelli, John Jumper and Johnnie Wilson.

Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis, former secretary of defense under Trump, said "Donald Trump is the first president in my lifetime who does not try to unite the American people - does not even pretend to try. Instead he tries to divide us.... We are witnessing the consequences of three years without mature leadership."

In a Washington Post letter, Ash Carter, Leon Panetta and Chuck Hagel, all former defense secretaries, joined more than 85 other former defense officials,

saying "As former leaders in the Defense Department - civilian and military, Republican, Democrat and independent - we all took an oath upon assuming office 'to support and defend the Constitution of the United States' as did the president and all members of the military, a fact that Gen. Milley pointed out in a recent memorandum to members of the armed forces. We are alarmed at how the president is betraying this oath by threatening to order members of the U.S. military to violate the rights of their fellow Americans."

Others who have condemned Trump include:

■ Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, and Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, all former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

■ Marine Corps Gen. John Kelly, former chief of staff to Trump.

■ Army Gen. Raymond A. "Tony" Thomas, former commander of U.S. Special Operations Command under Trump.

■ William Perry, former defense secretary.

■ Navy Adm. James Stavridis, former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO.

■ Air Force Gen. Mike Hayden, former director of the CIA and NSA.

We should listen to them.

Barry Anderson, Omaha

Power over democracy?

After Jan. 6, 2021, Mitch McConnell, Lindsay Graham, Ted Cruz, to name a few, came out strongly against Trump. They said it was time for him to go. They all ran for their lives as the insurrectionists violently stormed the U.S. Capitol. We all watched this unfold on TV. However, these Republican senators, including our own, Deb Fischer, caved when, after Trump's impeachment, they failed to convict. That would have put an end to this Trump nightmare.

Instead, now these same people are part of 33 GOP senators and 137 House Republicans who have endorsed Donald Trump for 2024. Our senator, Deb Fischer, who has sworn to uphold the Constitution, has betrayed us. She abandoned Republicans like Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger who put country before party and stood up to Trump. Sen. Fischer endorses a man who has been indicted in four separate criminal cases and

charged in a total of dozens of felony counts. She endorses a man who has been convicted of sexual assault and also tried twice for defamation of character. Two of those convictions were decided by juries.

Fischer is endorsing a man who has been convicted of falsifying business records. Trump loves and respects autocrats like Putin and Erdogan, and he wants to run our country as an autocracy. He has started his autocratic approach as he strips the Republican National Committee of long-term staff so he can replace them with "loyal" persons. Trump has demonstrated that he cannot be trusted with our country's most classified secrets, and obstructed collection of those documents. I do not understand how someone who has worked in our government can ignore the reality of Trump. I can only conclude Deb Fischer and all other Republican lawmakers who are endorsing and enabling Trump value power more than democracy.

Deanna Reilly, Omaha

Make our primary relevant

Like every other presidential primary season since I became eligible to vote, it has become fairly clear that when Nebraska's primary rolls around again in May, our options will be limited to the Democrat or Republican who has already been effectively nominated by the delegate counts received in the primaries that precede ours. The Super Tuesday primaries which include California and Texas, and the other delegate-rich states of Florida, New York and Illinois, all occur before our chance to vote. For many voters in our state, the presidential primary has essentially become a "pick your poison" or protest vote as there are no other viable options.

Since Nebraska is one of only two states that allocates its electoral votes by district in the general election as opposed to winner-take-all (the other being Maine, a Super Tuesday primary), Nebraska has a very unique opportunity to have a greater say in choosing the next president by having a primary on Super Tuesday or earlier. In addition, we would benefit from the increased presence of the candidates coming to our

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state to campaign for our vote. And, as an added bonus, voter turnout would likely be higher - benefitting all of the other races and issues on the ballot including the Senate, House, and Nebraska Legislature, making those campaigns more competitive.

I encourage the powers that be to consider making this change. If you are in agreement with my stance, I also encourage you to make your opinion known to those decision makers. And finally, regardless of when the primary is and who the candidates are, exercise your right to vote.

Brian Leimbach, Omaha

Evangelical question

There was a time when "Christian" meant "follower of Christ." A Christian (follower of Christ) endeavors to live according to the principles that Jesus taught in the New Testament, summarized in his words, "Love your neighbor as yourself." One can find many examples of how Jesus demonstrated how to show love to our neighbors. He provided health care to the sick and suffering, food to the hungry, love to those who were not like him, and genuine concern for the people of his

time, even those who made his life miserable. Suppose Jesus had met a woman who had an abortion - would he scream at her, or would he treat her with the same love and care he showed to all he met?

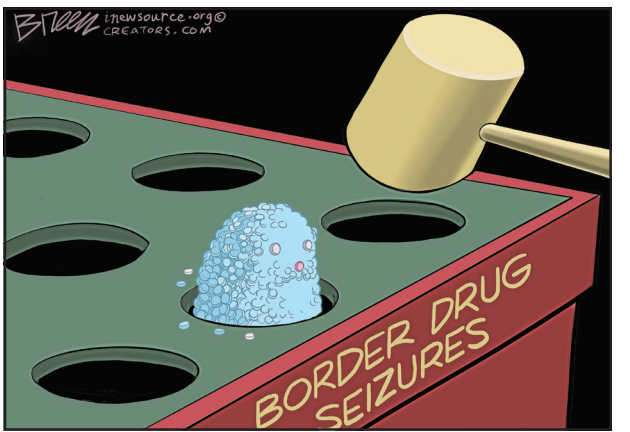
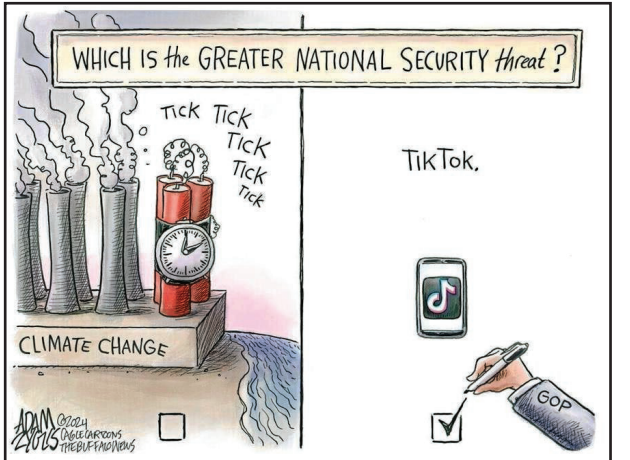
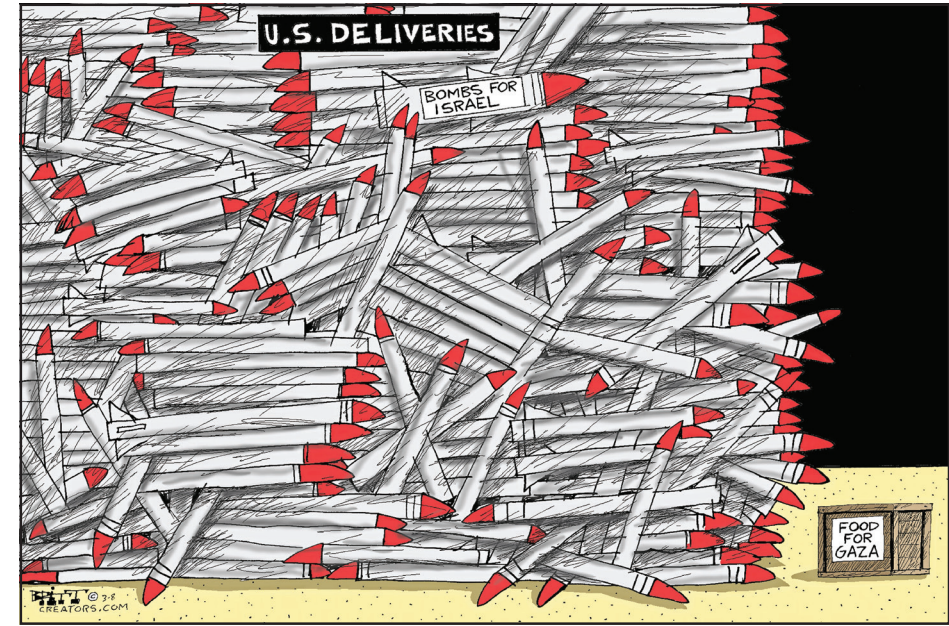
Today's "Christian evangelicals" seem to be permanently angry, hate anyone who is different from them, are resentful of helping those who need food or shelter for their families. Can you imagine Jesus putting barbed wire up to keep people away? Voters have every right to demand action on our southern border; in fact, all citizens should have concern for the chaos there. But surely there are humane solutions available to politicians who want to implement them, as opposed to using immigrants for political gain.

Some "Christian evangelicals" seem to be uniting behind a candidate who cares little for anyone who doesn't fully support him, who sees truth-telling as not useful to his own interests, who used a lie to create a false "truth" about our elections. Some years ago people wore bracelets that said "WWJD." I wonder what Jesus would do at a Trump rally?

Patricia Ohlmann, Seward, Neb.







THE WEEK IN CARTOONS

Cartoonists from the left, right and center take on the Oscars, Tik Tok and Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s running mate.



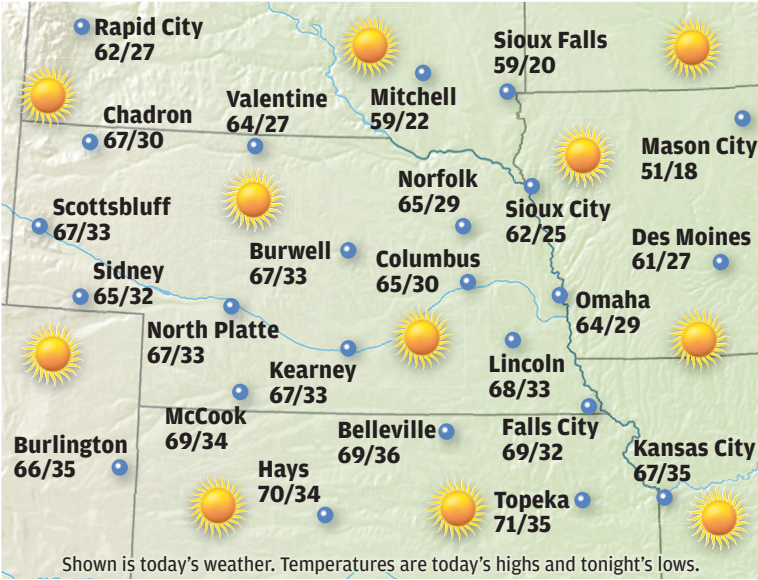


# OMAHA'S FIVE-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					
Sunny, breezy and warmer	Mainly clear	Cooler with clouds and sun	Breezy; rain at night	Breezy with clouds and sun	Cloudy and chilly
<b>WIND</b> NNW 10-20 mph	<b>WIND</b> NNE 7-14 mph	<b>WIND</b> NNE 8-16 mph	<b>WIND</b> SE 10-20 mph	<b>WIND</b> N 12-25 mph	<b>WIND</b> E 7-14 mph
<b>64°</b>	<b>29°</b>	<b>43° 28°</b>	<b>48° 38°</b>	<b>47° 23°</b>	<b>43° 36°</b>

## REGIONAL OUTLOOK

Breezy and warmer today with sunshine. Expect a full day of sunshine with average relative humidity 45% and excellent drying conditions. Mainly clear tonight. Average relative humidity 60%. Cooler tomorrow with clouds and sun. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 45%.



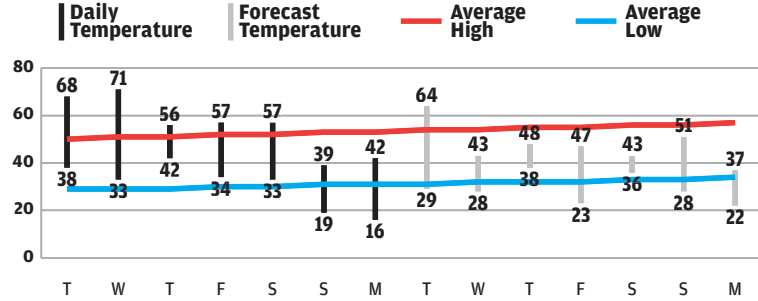
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City	Today	Wednesday	City	Today	Wednesday
Ames	59/25/s	41/26/c	Kearney	67/33/s	50/27/s
Beatrice	67/34/s	50/31/pc	Lincoln	68/33/s	45/31/pc
Broken Bow	66/32/s	48/27/pc	Mason City	51/18/s	36/21/c
Columbus	65/30/s	42/25/pc	McCook	69/34/s	59/30/s
Council Bluffs	63/28/s	43/26/pc	Norfolk	65/29/s	44/25/pc
Des Moines	61/27/s	43/27/pc	North Platte	67/33/s	56/28/c
Fort Dodge	56/22/s	38/22/c	Scottsbluff	67/33/s	62/33/s
Grand Island	67/33/s	48/28/pc	Sidney	65/32/s	58/33/s
Hastings	67/33/s	50/29/s	Sioux City	62/25/s	42/26/pc
Hyannis	64/31/s	53/28/s	Valentine	64/27/s	47/28/pc

## MISSOURI RIVER STAGES

Location	Flood Stage (ft.)	Stage Sat.	Stage Sun.	Location	Flood Stage (ft.)	Stage Sat.	Stage Sun.
Ponca	20	7.26	8.22	Omaha	29	8.59	9.12
S. Sioux City	30	7.85	8.85	Plattsmouth	26	10.98	10.79
Decatur	35	15.15	16.10	Nebraska City	18	5.70	5.55
Blair	29	8.58	9.37	Gavins Pt.	1208	1206.53	1206.68

## TEMPERATURE TRENDS







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Statistics through 8 p.m. Monday	
<b>Temperature</b>	
High/low	42°/16°
Normal high/low	53°/31°
Record high	85° (1921)
Record low	-8° (1923)
<b>Precipitation</b>	
24-hour total	0.00"
Month to date (normal)	0.99" (0.88")
Year to date (normal)	1.97" (2.62")
Record for this date	1.31" (1979)
<b>Snowfall</b>	
24-hour total	0.0"
Month to date (normal)	1.4" (2.3")
Season to date (normal)	19.5" (25.5")
Last season to date	12.4"
Record for this date	2.1" (1971)
<b>Heating Degree Days</b>	
Degree days are an indicator of energy needs. The more the total degree days, the more energy is necessary to heat.	
Monday	36
Month to date	378
Normal month to date	484
Since July 1	4434
Normal since July 1	5085

<b>RealFeel Temperature® Today</b>			
An exclusive index of effective temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body.			
<b>24°</b>	<b>51°</b>	<b>61°</b>	<b>50°</b>
8 a.m.	noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.

<b>UV Index Today</b>											
Shown is the highest value of the day.											
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
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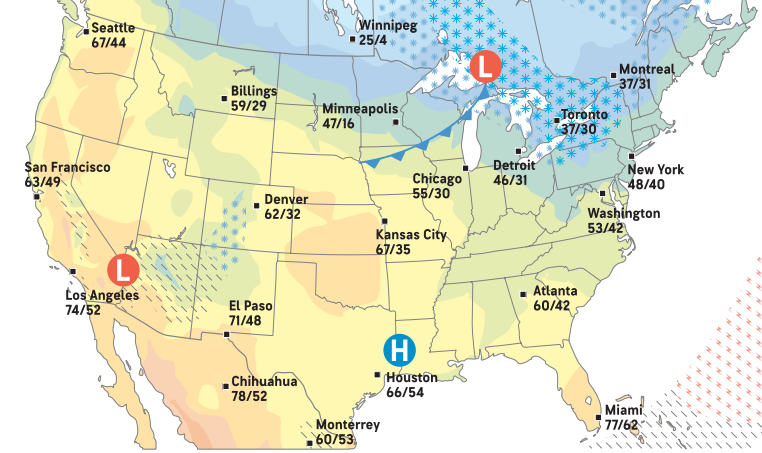
<b>Today's Air Quality</b>				
Forecast index based on presence of man-made particulates affecting aspects of human health.				
Good	Moderate	Unhealthy (sensitive)	Unhealthy	Very Unhealthy









<b>Skywatch</b>			
Sun	Rise	Set	
Moon	7:28 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	
	2:08 p.m.	5:09 a.m.	
			
Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 8	Apr 15

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**National Outlook:** Lake-effect snow will continue off the eastern Great Lakes today, with an advancing storm also providing the risk of enhanced snow across the western Great Lakes and into parts of the Upper Midwest. Parts of the Southwest will again be in line for rain and snow showers through the day, but generally dry conditions are expected in many other places.



	-10s	-0s	0s	10s	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s	110s
														
	<b>Cold front</b>	<b>Warm front</b>	<b>Stationary front</b>	<b>Showers</b>	<b>T-storms</b>	<b>Rain</b>	<b>Flurries</b>	<b>Snow</b>	<b>Ice</b>					
<b>City</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Hi/Lo/W</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Hi/Lo/W</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Hi/Lo/W</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Hi/Lo/W</b>					
Albuquerque	57/37/sh	57/33/sh	Los Angeles	74/52/pc	73/54/s									
Anchorage	35/28/s	36/27/s	Louisville	57/40/pc	60/31/s									
Albany, NY	43/32/c	46/27/sn	Memphis	59/43/s	71/50/c									
Aspen	49/25/sh	48/21/pc	Miami	77/62/pc	80/64/s									
Atlanta	60/42/s	70/48/pc	Milwaukee	51/28/pc	37/23/s									
Austin	63/46/pc	64/58/pc	New Orleans	60/46/pc	68/57/pc									
Baltimore	52/39/c	59/31/pc	New York City	48/40/pc	64/32/sh									
Boise	70/42/s	72/42/pc	Oklahoma City	72/47/pc	71/52/c									
Boston	47/36/s	51/32/c	Orlando	71/46/s	76/51/pc									
Brownsville	69/64/c	75/70/t	Philadelphia	48/39/pc	55/31/sh									
Buffalo	35/31/sf	35/23/sf	Phoenix	76/53/pc	78/53/s									
Casper	60/28/s	59/34/pc	Pierre	58/25/s	35/23/pc									
Charleston, SC	62/44/s	74/50/s	Pittsburgh	44/37/c	43/24/pc									
Charleston, WV	52/40/pc	57/25/pc	Portland, ME	43/28/s	45/28/sn									
Chicago	55/30/pc	40/26/s	Portland, OR	71/46/pc	59/48/sh									
Cincinnati	52/36/pc	52/25/s	Raleigh	58/39/s	69/40/s									
Cleveland	45/35/c	41/25/sf	Richmond	55/42/s	65/37/pc									
Columbia, SC	61/40/s	73/42/s	Sacramento	76/46/s	71/44/s									
Columbus, OH	50/38/c	49/22/pc	St. Louis	67/38/s	56/35/s									
Dallas	69/50/s	68/56/pc	Salt Lake City	64/41/s	64/47/s									
Denver	62/32/s	61/35/s	San Antonio	59/50/c	65/60/c									
Detroit	46/31/c	39/21/pc	San Diego	69/53/s	69/54/pc									
El Paso	71/48/pc	72/46/pc	San Francisco	63/49/pc	62/51/s									
Fresno	80/52/s	78/49/s	Santa Fe	55/32/pc	55/32/t									
Grand Rapids	44/29/c	33/20/pc	Seattle	67/44/pc	53/45/sh									
Great Falls	54/29/s	43/27/c	Sioux Falls	59/20/s	37/23/c									
Hartford	46/34/pc	52/30/sh	Spokane	69/44/pc	62/40/c									
Helena	62/35/s	65/37/c	Tampa	69/50/s	74/52/pc									
Honolulu	80/69/c	79/70/pc	Tucson	72/46/pc	73/49/s									
Indianapolis	55/34/c	46/26/s	Tulsa	76/47/s	74/50/c									
Kansas City	67/35/s	54/33/s	Washington, DC	53/42/pc	61/33/pc									
Las Vegas	72/52/pc	76/53/s	Wichita	75/40/s	70/41/pc									

**National Extremes** Monday for the 48 contiguous states  
**High:** 93° in Fort Lauderdale, FL **Low:** 5° in Philip, SD

## WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Wednesday	City	Today	Wednesday
	<b>Hi/Lo/W</b>	<b>Hi/Lo/W</b>		<b>Hi/Lo/W</b>	<b>Hi/Lo/W</b>
Beijing	60/29/s	60/32/pc	New Delhi	88/57/s	91/63/s
Berlin	50/35/pc	61/46/c	Paris	65/44/c	67/47/pc
Jerusalem	54/48/sh	61/48/s	Rio de Janeiro	87/77/pc	89/78/pc
London	60/49/c	63/44/c	Rome	66/46/s	66/45/pc
Mexico City	80/54/pc	83/54/pc	Seoul	50/34/pc	50/27/s
Montreal	37/31/sf	41/21/sn	Sydney	81/70/s	77/64/t
Moscow	36/28/c	36/25/pc	Tokyo	53/47/pc	59/42/pc
Nairobi	85/61/pc	84/60/t	Vancouver	55/43/pc	53/45/sh

**W**-weather, **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **i**-ice, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow

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## Fidler enters portal after three seasons at UNO

**GENE SCHINZEL**  
World-Herald Staff Writer

Frankie Fidler was the catalyst for a UNO men's basketball team that showed marked improvement this season.

The Bellevue West graduate averaged 20.1 points, 6.3 rebounds and had career highs in free throws made (216), 3-pointers (52), assists (86) and steals (41).

But after three seasons as a Mav starter, Fidler entered his name in the transfer portal.

Two other Mavs also are in the transfer portal. Luke Jungers, an Omaha Creighton Prep graduate who was one of UNO's best 3-point shooters as a freshman before redshirting this season, is in the portal, as is guard Jaeden Marshall. Marshall was a starting guard late in the season after the Mavs were hit by injuries.

The 6-foot-7 Fidler was the team's scoring leader as a freshman (12.9) and sophomore (14.7)



EILEEN T. MESLAR, THE WORLD-HERALD

**Frankie Fidler averaged 20.1 points this season for UNO. The Bellevue West graduate is one of three Mavs to enter the transfer portal, along with Luke Jungers and Jaeden Marshall.**

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### NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

## Rhule 'all in' on NU after A.D. departure

**EVAN BLAND**  
World-Herald Staff Writer

LINCOLN — Matt Rhule was surprised to see Trev Alberts leave. But the Nebraska football coach isn't going anywhere.

Rhule doubled down on his commitment to the Huskers and delivered 12 minutes of sermon-like reflection and inspiration about the state of NU athletics Monday to begin what was originally scheduled to be a press conference about upcoming spring practices. He spoke for more than 20 minutes before taking a question about the group of players that just finished a winter of grueling mat drills and internal competition.

Why did Alberts depart for Texas A&M? Rhule said he doesn't know. Alberts called to tell him the news last week while Rhule was in Scotland golfing with his son. The coach in the days since has

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## Message from Rhule is just what NU fans needed now



**TOM SHATEL**

**F**irst downs and second guesses: Matt Rhule didn't mince words. No cryptic message here. No guessing where the Nebraska coach

stood. Or why.

"I'm here and I'm all in and Julie (his wife) is all in," Rhule said on Monday. "We're not going anywhere unless you guys kick us out."

By "us," the coach meant the whole family.

The coach's wife, Julie, is opening a Drybar business in downtown Lincoln. Their son, Bryant, will be attending UNL next fall.

And recently Rhule's parents, Denny and Gloria, moved to Omaha. There they will work in their ministry. And be close to their grandkids.

There's a saying I'm very familiar with: Happy wife, happy life.

And there's another one I've come to know: Happy grandparents, happy grandkids.

It would appear all of the Rhules are all in on Nebraska.

That was the heart of the coach's message on Monday:

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### BASKETBALL

## NCAA tourney teams feature many players from Nebraska

**STU POSPISIL**  
World-Herald Staff Writer

Former Nebraska high school standouts will be seen in a quarter of the 32 first-round matchups in the NCAA men's tournament and in five of the 32 first-rounders in the women's tournament.

On Thursday, it's the five Creighton men's players from the state and the three playing for South Dakota State to be in action. On Friday, besides the four home state players for the Huskers in their game against Texas A&M, San Diego State, Marquette, Alabama, Wisconsin and Grand Canyon also have Nebraskans on their rosters.

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NIKOS FRAZIER, THE WORLD-HERALD

**Josiah Allick, left, and Nebraska will face an uncommon challenge in the NCAA tournament against Texas A&M, which has the highest offensive rebounding rate in the country at 42%. "The game's gonna be won on the glass," Allick said.**

# TEXAS A&M WILL TEST NU ACROSS THE BOARDS

**WILSON MOORE**  
World-Herald Staff Writer

LINCOLN — Nebraska's preparation for Texas A&M began Sunday night. Coach Fred Hoiberg and his assistants dove into the film on the Aggies shortly after the NCAA tournament selection show.

The timeline ahead of the Huskers'

NCAA tournament game is dense from there: Review with players Monday morning followed by a workout, then practice.

But film and scouting can only take NU so far in its first March Madness game in a decade. Winning will take a level of activity on the glass the Huskers haven't possessed every night.

Texas A&M has the highest offensive rebounding rate in the country at 42%. More than anything that can be planned ahead of time, Nebraska's path to the second round is through playing with an edge, hustling after missed shots and matching Texas A&M's physicality.

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BRIEFLY

HOCKEY

Mavs move up

UNO moved up one slot to 11th in this week's USCHO national hockey ratings.

The 22-11-4 Mavericks slipped ahead of 12th-ranked Colorado College after defeating the host Tigers in a best-of-three NCHC quarterfinal playoff series. UNO will advance to play fourth-ranked North Dakota on Friday in a 4 p.m. semifinal of the league's Frozen Faceoff, the Mavs' first time competing in the event.

UNO, which is also 11th in this week's Pairwise ratings, swept the Fighting Hawks to end the regular season.

The other NCHC semifinal at Minnesota's Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul will be third-ranked Denver vs. 15th-ranked St. Cloud State at 7:30 p.m.

Both Frozen Faceoff games Friday will be televised nationally on the CBS Sports Network, along with the championship game Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The sixth NCHC team ranked this week is No. 15 Western Michigan.

SOFTBALL

UNO junior honored

UNO junior Sydney Thomason continued to show power at the plate as the first-year Maverick was named the Summit League player of the week on Monday.

Thomason went 6 of 17 in five games, including three home runs. Two of the homers came at Purdue as the Mavs swept a three-game series from the Boilermakers. She also had two doubles, eight RBIs and four runs scored for the week.

Thomason, who transferred to UNO after playing two seasons at UNK, leads the Summit League in home runs with seven.

UNO (21-7) takes a 10-game winning streak into Lincoln to play Nebraska on Wednesday.

BASEBALL

Giants sign Snell

Two-time Cy Young Award winner Blake Snell and the San Francisco Giants have agreed to a \$62 million, two-year contract, a person familiar with the negotiations told the Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement was subject to a successful physical. Snell has the right to opt out after this season and become a free agent.

Snell gets a \$17 million signing bonus payable on Jan. 15, 2026, and a \$15 million salary this year.

A 30-year-old left-hander, Snell is 71-55 with a 3.20 ERA in 191 starts over eight major league seasons, winning Cy Youngs in 2018 with Tampa Bay and last year with San Diego.

Snell agreed to the deal 10 days before the opener at the Padres, setting up the possibility of Snell making his Giants debut against his former club. He joins a rotation that includes right-handers Logan Webb and Jordan Hicks and left-hander Kyle Harrison.

The addition of Snell is another big move for a San Francisco team that gave South Korean outfielder Jung Hoo Lee a \$113 million, six-year contract, signed Hicks to a \$44 million, four-year deal and outfielder Jorge Soler to a \$42 million, three-year contract.

MEDIA

SI will continue

Sports Illustrated will continue operations after the company that owns the brand agreed with a new publisher for its print and digital products.

Minute Media took over on Monday after reaching a licensing agreement with Authentic Brands Group. On Jan. 19, Authentic announced that it was revoking The Arena Group's publishing license after Arena failed to make a quarterly payment.

Authentic had been in negotiations with Arena, Minute Media and other publishing entities over the past two months.

Authentic will acquire an equity stake in Minute Media, which also publishes the online sites The Players' Tribune, FanSided and 90min. Other terms, including the length of the deal, were not announced.

What this means for the writers and others who produce Sports Illustrated remains to be seen. Minute Media will begin meeting with SI employees over the next couple of weeks as it determines how much of the staff it will retain, according to a person with knowledge of the transition. The person spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak publicly about them.

BASEBALL

# NU looks to keep rolling in matchup with Mavs

EVAN BLAND

World-Herald Staff Writer

Make it 10 wins in the last 12 games for Nebraska (13-5) as it continues its homestand with two more midweek games, including one against in-state foe UNO on Tuesday.

Quality options continue to be a theme in the bullpen — 10 relievers combined for a 3.21 ERA in 14 innings to help NU sweep Nicholls. “We can go about it so many different directions,” junior pitcher Jackson Brockett said. “If we need to do a different guy every inning, we have the depth for it. We have every guy possible.”

Coach Will Bolt said crafting a lineup card remains challenging on a per-game basis. Will Walsh became the latest complication when the righty-hitting first baseman — and left-handed starting pitcher — produced a pair of home runs and eight RBIs in two games. Dylan Hufft earned a Sunday start at shortstop to give the slumping Dylan Carey a breather and went 2 for 3 while playing error-free defense. NU continues to be liberal with making in-game moves and has the freedom to play matchups based on trends or handedness. “We’re not afraid to use pinch hitters, we’re not afraid to bring guys off the bench because we don’t feel like there’s any drop-off there,” Bolt said. “They know even if their name is not necessarily in the starting lineup that they’ve got an opportunity to get in and impact the game.”

The Mavs (3-15) may find a way to win close games, but it hasn’t happened much yet. The team is 2-10 in contests decided by three runs or fewer, including two in a series loss to North Dakota State last weekend. Pitching (5.89 ERA, 154th nationally) and defense (.965 fielding percentage, 178th) haven’t been the culprit as much as the offense (4.4 runs per game, 273rd) which features only one batter with a batting average above .300 in Noah Greise (.364).

UNO has found a bit more success of late, going 3-3 after an 0-12



ANNA REED, THE WORLD-HERALD

**Will Walsh is a left-handed starting pitcher for Nebraska, but he showed his skills at the plate recently by hitting a pair of home runs and eight RBIs in two games.**

start. That includes a pair of wins over Southern Illinois Edwardsville and another against NDSU on Saturday. The team’s strength of schedule ranks 293rd of 305 Division I teams — part of the reason the Mavs hold a 300 RPI ranking to begin the week.

Scouting North Dakota State

Say one thing for the Bison (5-14): They aren’t afraid to face good opponents in tough environments. NDSU has already taken its lumps against the likes of UC Irvine, Oregon State and LSU and won’t play its first home game for another two weeks. General statistics — like 4.8 runs per game (257th) and an ERA of 7.86 (234th) — thus may overstate the state of the cold-weather squad before it arrives in Lincoln.

Jake Schaffner is hitting .345 with six steals as a table setter

while Colten Becker at .342 is the other hot bat early. Pitching has collectively struggled with command — NDSU has issued 115 walks in 155.2 innings while striking out 131.

Dugout chatter

UNO and Nebraska are meeting just once this season after the Mavs won two of three last year and the in-state schools split four in 2022. ... Mason McConaughy will make his first Husker start Tuesday — the sophomore threw 24 pitches in relief last Friday and has emerged as one of the team’s more trusted arms. Opposite him is UNO’s Tyler Mattingly, a senior who last pitched in 2022 before missing a season because of injury. ... NU reliever Rans Sanders transferred from UNO in the off-season and has yet to allow a run in 5.1 innings. Meanwhile, NDSU infielder Jack Steil is a former Husker

UNO AT NEBRASKA

**6:05 p.m. Tuesday:** RHP Mason McConaughy (1-2, 2.38 ERA) vs. RHP Tyler Mattingly (0-0, 0.00)

Haymarket Park, 590 AM

NORTH DAKOTA STATE AT NEBRASKA

**6:05 p.m. Wednesday:** LHP Will Walsh (1-0, 5.50) vs. TBA

Haymarket Park, 590 AM

who this spring is hitting .159 in 18 games with one home run. ... Nebraska took Monday off before embarking on five home games in six days. “Need to get off on the right foot,” Bolt said. “It starts with winning the first one Tuesday.”

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NEBRASKA ATHLETICS

# Interim A.D. aims to keep NU moving in right direction

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Lincoln Journal Star

LINCOLN — A text from a Nebraska coach served as the first alert to Dennis Leblanc that his week was about to be turned upside down.

“I was just relaxing when I got a text from (baseball coach) Will Bolt saying, ‘Hey is this true?’ and I didn’t have any idea what he was talking about,” Leblanc said.

Soon, the topic became very clear — Athletic Director Trev Alberts’ potential departure to Texas A&M. By the end of the day Alberts had officially left for the SEC program, and Nebraska Interim President Chris Kabourek had called to ask if Leblanc would be interested in filling Alberts’ role on an interim basis.

Leblanc, Nebraska’s executive associate athletic director for academics, quickly agreed to serve as interim athletic director.

“I said absolutely because I love this place,” Leblanc said on the Huskers Radio Network’s monthly

athletic director show. “... It’s an honor and privilege to be asked to step in during this time.”

It’s been a busy few days for Leblanc since stepping into the new role on Thursday. Conversations with coaches, alumni and athletic department staffers all served as important opportunities for Leblanc to affirm that Nebraska will be fine moving forward under new leadership.

Leblanc said he told the coaches to stay the course because they’re the experts in each sport. As for the athletic department, Leblanc said Alberts built a talented executive staff with experienced people in place throughout.

Reassuring alumni and donors of a stable future may have been another important topic. Several months before Alberts left for Texas A&M, he launched a \$450 million renovation project to Memorial Stadium which was approved by the Nebraska Board of the Regents.

With much of the project’s

funding coming from private donors and athletic department funds, fundraising efforts will need to continue under new leadership.

“We’re going to be OK, and a lot of it is because of all those fans that are out there,” Leblanc said. “I have a chance to visit with almost every recruit that comes on this campus, and our fans are one of the most important selling points we have at Nebraska. Not only because they show up, but because of the beautiful facilities we have as far as them being generous.”

“I would just say, ‘Keep doing what you’re doing and know that there are many great people in place to make sure this is continuing to move in the right direction.’”

The change in athletic director comes at a busy time for Nebraska. Mentioning the two NCAA tournament-bound basketball teams, plus athletes from the wrestling and swim and dive teams going to nationals, Leblanc said there’s considerable “momentum” pres-

ent at Nebraska.

Leblanc also sees progress within the football program, where he appreciates the energy and commitment that coach Matt Rhule and his support staff continue to show.

“I think Nebraska is so fortunate to have him leading our football program,” Leblanc said of Rhule. “I’ve seen him build the culture of his team, and I’ve seen it from the inside out, (because) I get a chance to communicate with the players a lot and they absolutely love coach Rhule ... I am so fired up about Nebraska football and coach Rhule.”

A flood of positive messages and well-wishing reached Leblanc soon after his appointment became public. Nebraska’s interim athletic director said he appreciated them all — and his response to their support was the same.

“I am going to give every ounce of energy in this body to keep the Husker ship sailing in the right direction while I have this opportunity,” Leblanc said.

# Alberts’ perspective on college sports appealed to A&M

TRAVIS L. BROWN

Bryan-College Station Eagle

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Six weeks into his first athletic director position, Trev Alberts approached then UNO Chancellor John Christensen with a question.

What would define victory for Alberts in his new position?

He knew what wins looked like in his previous careers, as an NFL linebacker and a sports media personality. But, beyond raising money and hiring and firing coaches, what does winning look like for an athletic director?

His charge became building a financially stable, 25-year plan for the UNO athletic department, with which he ultimately accomplished in his 12-year tenure with little prior knowledge in the realm of business.

Nearly 15 years later, Alberts was announced as the newest athletic director at Texas A&M and carries an immediate task of bringing the Aggie athletic department into the rapidly approaching new business landscape of college athletics. Now, thanks to relationships developed and past experiences, he approaches the future with a mind for business.

“Now, more than ever before, we run a business and I know that’s

really uncomfortable in our space, because that’s not why a lot of us got into this, right?” Alberts said during his introductory event in the Kyle Field Hall of Champions on Monday. “But we’re going to run a business and we’re going to run as clean and disciplined of a business as we possibly can. But rest assured, we will never compromise our values in support of student-athletes, because you can do both.”

Having this finger on the pulse of the future of college athletics, plus a special business savvy is one of the leading factors in why A&M President Mark Welsh, along with the search committee, decided Alberts was his man.

“We think that was one of the requirements we put a box (around) when we began the search,” Welsh said. “He looks at things a little bit different than a lot of the other athletic directors looked at the business of college athletics and how it needs to adjust in the future. I don’t think he or anybody knows what the right answer is yet, but he is certainly willing to explore the possibilities. The discussion we had with him on that side impressed everybody in the interview.”

It was a difficult decision for Alberts to leave his alma mater,

Nebraska, where he won the Dick Butkus Award and was a consensus first-team All-American. In his nearly three years in Lincoln he began the process of a stadium renovation for Memorial Stadium and brought national attention to the sport of volleyball with a game played in the football venue in front of the largest crowd for a women’s athletics event.

“I wasn’t looking to leave (Nebraska),” Alberts said. “I have been associated with that university for a long, long time. As I said in the previous press conference (Monday), that’s a place that changed my life. Other than my faith and my family, most everything I have today I owe to the University of Nebraska.”

It was the leadership at A&M, namely Welsh, who convinced him Aggieland was the next stop in his journey. Nebraska has been in a period of turnover in leadership, hiring Chancellor Rodney Bennett last summer and currently in the process of hiring a new university president. Alberts shot down the idea that leadership turnover was a reason for his departure.

“There isn’t any scenario that I can think of or imagine where this place doesn’t have the opportunity — with alignment, leadership, hard

work and focus, a little discipline and accountability — that they can’t be a leader,” he said. “Not every institution can say that. And I want to be very careful — I’m not saying that Nebraska isn’t that either. That’s not what I’m inferring or implying. ... What I’m saying is, based on where some of this could and very likely may go, not every institution can say that.”

There was a versatility needed in Alberts’ start in athletic department administration nearly two decades ago at UNO. His challenge now will be leading a malleable athletic department in whatever financial future might come.

“The hardest part is, most of the folks growing up in college athletics are a part of the college athletics ecosystem that is used to a certain way of doing business,” he said. “It’s no different at the University of Nebraska and it’s probably no different here. The ability of institutions to adapt and adjust to that change and be nimble, the quicker you’re able to get there, the more reasonable the opportunity to be successful competitively. Change is going to happen. It’s going to be hard. It won’t be fun. It’ll be uncomfortable. That’s the reality we live in.”





**Coach Matt Rhule emphasized his commitment to Nebraska after former Athletic Director Trev Alberts left last week for Texas A&M. “I love the people that I’ve met and we’re not going anywhere unless you guys kick us out,” Rhule said.**

**ANNA REED, THE WORLD-HERALD**

## NU football

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heard from leadership including Gov. Jim Pillen, Nebraska Interim President Chris Kabourek, former coach Tom Osborne and multiple donors, among others.

“This is an opportunity for us to look at everything within our athletic department, maybe even our university, and how can we be better,” Rhule said. “Because this is an amazing place.”

Rhule backed the notion by reminding that his son, Bryant, will be attending the university this year. His wife, Julie, is opening a business in south Lincoln. Rhule — hired 16 months earlier by Alberts and also-departed NU President Ted Carter — said he’s encountered “amazing” people on campus and around the state since his arrival.

He’s also heard from members of the national media reaching out to ask about his contract situation. Nothing, he said, could be further from his mind.

“I’m here and I am all in and Julie is all in,” Rhule said of himself and his wife. “Yeah, I loved Ted Carter, I love Trev and I came because of them. But I came to be at the University of Nebraska. And I love the people that I’ve met and we’re not going anywhere unless you guys kick us out.”

Rhule called Alberts and his wife, Angela, “class, class people” and the business “hard” because of its transient nature. Alberts, Rhule said, “will be a friend of mine forever.” Alberts also did what the next full-time Husker leaders must — be forward-thinking about the future of college athletics.

One example was Alberts planning for a reality that could include potential revenue sharing with players years sooner than many expected. The \$450 million renovation project in South Stadium came about with a goal of modernizing the game experience for fans who have other ways to spend their fall Saturdays.

“We don’t have major problems,” Rhule said. “We have an unbelievable athletic department. We have an unbelievable opportunity. But we must have vision for the future for 20 years for now. And that’s what Trev had — make no mistake.”

Alberts, in an interview with The World-Herald last Thursday, was effusive in his praise of Rhule as the head of Husker football moving forward.

“Matt Rhule is the right coach at Nebraska and is going to be massively successful,” Alberts said. “They just need to allow him to continue executing his vision. Matt has an absolute blueprint of success. He’s changed the culture of the football program. He’s had an immense impact on the culture of the rest of the

department. He’s a game-changer.”

The next permanent athletic director also needs to be dynamic, Rhule said, a “doer” who has “unbelievable urgency” at a pivotal time in college athletics. Alberts was that, showing up to work each day at 7 a.m. in a suit and tie. His A.D. at Temple, Pat Kraft — now the A.D. at Penn State — also was a daily grinder alongside him.

Rhule said he wants an A.D. who will fight in committees in the Big Ten and NCAA. The coach said he was upset that the Nebraska men’s and women’s basketball teams were selected to face Texas A&M in their NCAA tournaments this week, taking away from moments and storylines that should be about the teams and not administrative happenings.

Rhule also recounted his early months at Temple amid an A.D. change. Bill Bradshaw hired him in December 2012 and the coach learned of his retirement that off-season. He worked under a new boss in Kevin Clark and later Kraft, who remains a good friend.

Rhule would be “grateful” to provide feedback. But he also understands decisions will need to be made.

“I just believe in my life through all the things that I’ve been through, the right people have always shown up,” Rhule said. “And when they haven’t, they haven’t.”

On the Wednesday that Alberts left last week, Rhule released a post on social media of Nebraska football highlights playing over Paul Harvey’s “So God Made A Farmer” speech. Rhule, a New York City native, said his intent was to remind that he came to Nebraska chiefly for its ethos of growth and investment.

“It’s basically to say that I came here for a purpose,” Rhule said. “I didn’t just come here for people. I’ve met amazing people. But I’m here for that reason. And I’m looking for players that are here for that reason — that want to build something, that want to leave something.”

So Nebraska must be “unabashed” in its desire to be the best, Rhule said. No worrying about optics or what others say. The coach recently visited Georgia and had nutrition personnel learning about processes at Florida and Alabama — the Huskers must retake their status as trendsetters and innovators.

Maybe a transition like this is the pivot point, he said. It needs to be.

“This is a well-run athletic department and this is a good place,” Rhule said. “I know (Alberts) has allowed me to do the things I think are necessary. He’s left the place better than he’s found it. I think it’s an unbelievable, unbelievable opportunity for us to move forward.”

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## Shatel

From B1

He’s not leaving here anytime soon.

Is that forever? Nothing is forever. Huskers fans know that (and how).

They didn’t need to hear forever on Monday. They just needed to hear from the coach. They needed to know he wants to be here and is dedicated to finishing the job he just began.

What he gave them was huge portions of comfort food, with gravy.

Rhule appeared at a press conference to talk about spring practice, which begins next week. But based on the events of last week, this wasn’t about spring ball.

Rhule knew it. Everyone knew it.

This was a State of the Union address. A State of the Huskers. State of the Rhule.

The preacher’s kid had an opening message prepared. He knew this couldn’t come in a statement. He knew this couldn’t be a short answer to a question and then move on to the quarterback.

And he knew he had to deliver.

He did. Rhule knocked it out of the park. He hit all the right notes with an ample amount of passion and vision and sales pitch.

It was just what the fans needed to hear at this moment.

But it struck me that Rhule’s speech wasn’t just for the fans.

This was for prospective athletic directors across the landscape — and anyone else out there wondering what in the wide world of sports was going on at Nebraska.

When the governor of Nebraska points fingers at the regents and blames them for a popular athletic director leaving,

things look dysfunctional.

Rhule reinserted some function and sanity into the conversation. And it was much needed.

The coach said, “We don’t have major problems. We have an unbelievable athletic department. We have an unbelievable opportunity.”

This was the head football coach, the face of the department, talking. For all of those would-be A.D.s, this was the man you would come to work with.

It looked pretty enticing. Hey, the man can coach and make an A.D. look good, too.

Rhule said he wanted an A.D. who will fight in the trenches, a “doer” with an “unbelievable urgency” to get better.

He said this was an opportunity for NU to look inward and become better. He talked about his desire to build something based on growth and investment, much like the people of Nebraska.

And he said he’d love to give feedback, but he’s not looking to name the next A.D. He’s worked with different A.D.s, and most of the time the right people have shown up.

It was the opposite of dysfunction. It was the opposite of cryptic word games.

It was plain talk.

It was meant for Nebraska fans and anyone out in prospect land who happened to be paying attention.

It was delivered by a coach who is invested in a place. A coach who is nervous or doesn’t want to be here anymore doesn’t give that speech.

“I’m fired up to be here,” Rhule told me afterward. “My wife is opening up a Drybar downtown. This was a family move for us. We’ll weather the good and weather the bad.”

I’m no weatherman. But I saw some sun on Monday.

**Stadium renovation:** Based on conversations I’ve had with some donors over the weekend, I wouldn’t be surprised to see the Memorial Stadium renovation project be put on hold for a while.

Nobody wants to saddle a new A.D. with that.

**Frozen Faceoff:** The sports columnist makes excuses for the hockey team. And the hockey team says no thanks, we got this.

UNO busted through the barrier on the NCHC playoff road on Sunday night.

It’s one of the most memorable Mav hockey wins by one of the most memorable teams.

I say let’s remember them with a Frozen Faceoff banner at Baxter Arena. And they aren’t done yet.

**Fidler’s transfer:** Frankie Fidler entered the transfer portal on Monday.

That’s not a surprise.

And that doesn’t mean Fidler is leaving UNO. Athletes in the portal can come back.

It’s the equivalent of an athlete dipping his toe in free agency, to gauge interest and money. Then compare it to UNO.

I still think Fidler wants to be at UNO. But the kids owe it to themselves to see what’s out there. It’s the smart thing to do.

**Portal schedule:** The transfer portal shouldn’t open the day after Selection Sunday.

Several coaches chose to turn down NIT bids to work on their rosters.

The same thing is going to happen to the bowl games — if it isn’t already — once the College Football Playoff field is announced.

Meanwhile, the recruiting calendar is being fitted around the portal. It should be the other way around. Do what’s best for recruiting, then work the portal around that.

Thompson.

He had one of his signature moments at last week’s Summit tournament when he made a short jumper with 3.2 seconds left for a 73-72 win over North Dakota in the quarterfinal. He finished with 34 points and 10 rebounds that night. He scored 27 the next night when the Mavs lost to Denver by three in a semifinal.

In the postgame press conference after the Denver loss, Fidler was asked about UNO’s improvement in his three years with the program.

“I see the momentum we have and where the program is going and that’s why I want to be a part of it,” he said.

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### NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

# Young QBs made good impression in offseason

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LINCOLN — Days start early in the high-stakes world of college football.

Coaches often arrive at the facility in the early hours of the morning before the sun rises, with players trickling in soon after.

When Nebraska coach Matt Rhule observed the players who’ve regularly been in the Huskers’ athletic facility during those morning hours, he was impressed to see freshman quarterbacks Dylan Raiola and Daniel Kaelin among them.

“They’ve done a great job,” Rhule said Monday. “You can see a fire and competitiveness in Dylan. He wants to be at the top and he’s chomping at the bit. He’s in there at 6 o’clock in the morning throwing balls before his lift at 10:30. You can see it in Danny, he comes in and is working on football and they’re both winners, they’re both competitive guys.”

Since Raiola, Kaelin and Nebraska’s other early enrollees arrived on campus in January, it’s been a two-month grind of off-season workouts. Rhule is happy with what he’s seen from his young Huskers so far — but he knows it’s only a taste of what’s to come.

“I’ve been really pleased with their effort, now they’ve got to get to football,” he said.

That starts next week when Nebraska officially begins spring practice. The Huskers will do so with only three scholarship quarterbacks on the roster, with junior Heinrich Haarberg standing as the veteran of the group.

Rhule said Haarberg has spent the offseason working on his mechanics, particularly on “his elbow getting up” while throwing passes. As for the freshmen, Rhule said they will need “a ton of reps” this spring to get up to speed.

That will also be true of the many other newcomers taking part in spring ball, though Rhule feels the talent distribution of this team is more even than it was a year ago. Nebraska was “top-heavy” in 2023 due to its veteran talent compared to a large influx of young players, but Rhule said there’s more parity on the roster now.

As a result, a competitive spring is now on the horizon.

“We’ll have to just do a lot more competitions because what I want to see is a team that in the fourth quarter makes just one more play than we made last year,” Rhule said. “It’s not this huge overhaul, it’s just (about) making one more play on offense and one more play on defense.”

### Freshmen impress

Two true freshmen from Miami have caught the eye of defensive Jimari Butler: Linebacker Vincent Shavers and cornerback Larry Tarver.

“It’s their first time doing it,” Butler said of Shavers and Tarver’s approach to offseason drills. “So if you go out and attack it and you don’t even know what you’re doing, that speaks (volumes).”

### WR coach has new fan

Count new receiver Jahmal Banks among NU receivers coach Garret McGuire’s biggest fans.

“His love for the game — he’s intentional about the way he works,” said Banks, who transferred from Wake Forest. “How he works, how hard he works. He’s up at 4:30 in the morning and he’s up some late nights, 11 p.m. He loves the game, and it just rubs off on us. We love that part, too. He loves to have fun and that’s what we’re going to do, as well.”

Banks had 107 career catches at Wake Forest.



**ANNA REED, THE WORLD-HERALD**

**Wide receiver Jahmal Banks had 107 career catches at Wake Forest before transferring to Nebraska during the offseason.**

## Transfer

From B1

before a breakout junior season when he showed more strength around the basket.

This month, he was named to the All-Summit League first team and was one of the favorites for league player of the year. That award went

to South Dakota State guard Zeke Mayo.

“I think it’s just confidence,” coach Chris Crutchfield said of Fidler just prior to the league awards being announced. “I think he feels he’s one of the best players in the league.”

Fidler scored 664 points this season and is seventh on the program’s career list with 1,494. He’s less than 350 points from career leader Dean



BASKETBALL

# NCAA tourney has had plenty of great moments in Omaha

**SAM MCKEWON**  
World-Herald Sports Editor

The NCAA tournament is back at CHI Health Center in Omaha, where, in 2008, 2012, 2015 and 2018, thrilled crowds watched some of the nation's best teams battle it out.

The top five memories across all of the games:

**Blue bloods battle to overtime:** The CHI Health Center has hosted one regional final — or Elite Eight — game, and Duke and Kansas didn't disappoint, with KU surviving 85-81 in overtime. The Blue Devils' Grayson Allen had a chance to win the game in regulation, but a double-pump, fallaway jumper from 15 feet rolled off the rim at the buzzer. Allen was denied his Christian Laettner moment, and KU guard Malik Newman, who played 44 of 45 minutes, finished with 32 points.

Kansas coach Bill Self pumped his fists in the air in triumph, like a boxer who'd won a prizefight.

**Kings of Kansas:** Only once did KU lose in Omaha, in 2015, and it was to an in-state rival the Jayhawks almost never play. Wichita State. The



BRENDAN SULLIVAN, THE WORLD-HERALD

**Duke's Grayson Allen missed a go-ahead shot late in regulation of the only Elite Eight game Omaha has hosted in 2018. Kansas went on to win 85-81 in overtime.**

sixth-seeded Shockers, led by guard Fred VanVleet and coached by Gregg Marshall, bullied third-seeded Kansas 78-65, outmuscling the Jayhawks for loose balls time and time again.

WSU had "Kings of Kansas" shirts made for the occasion, and Kansas

Gov. Sam Brownback sat in the audience for the game. It wasn't Wichita State's best team in the Marshall era — the 2013 team went to the Final Four and the 2014 team won 35 games — but Marshall may have had no better win.

**Bracket wreckers:** Thirty-win Missouri, seeded second and eyeing a Final Four run, had just won the Big 12 tournament title and was about to depart for the SEC. It headed to Omaha alongside its rival, Kansas. But the Tigers met Norfolk State, a 15 seed, in the first round.

In what could only be viewed as an incredibly exciting game — both teams made more than 50% of their shots and combined to make 23 3-pointers — the Spartans prevailed 86-84. Mizzou star Kim English — now the Providence coach — had a nightmare game, a 46% shooter from 3 missing all five of his attempts beyond the arc. Meanwhile, Norfolk State forward Kyle O'Quinn finished with 26 points and 14 rebounds.

"We messed up some brackets!" O'Quinn said afterward.

**Star talent on display:** When CHI Health Center hosted its first NCAA tournament back in 2008, fans got to see a glimpse of the eventual national champions — Kansas — and also the Nos. 2 and 3 picks in the upcoming NBA draft. Kansas State, an 11 seed, had Michael Beas-

ley. Southern California, a sixth seed, had O.J. Mayo.

Both guys could score, but Beasley's team pulled the mild upset, beating the Trojans 80-67. Beasley finished with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Mayo had 20 points and five assists. It was a showstopping evening for Omaha, the start of a golden era for the arena, which would host its first U.S. Olympic swim trials later that summer.

**Dana comes back, Wisconsin wins anyway:** In 2015, former Creighton coach Dana Altman brought eighth-seeded Oregon to Omaha, and the Ducks won a fast-paced, high-scoring game over Oklahoma State in the first round. No. 1 seed Wisconsin — which would eventually advance to the NCAA title game — got tested by Oregon in the second round, but guard Sam Dekker made a layup and a 3-pointer to turn a 53-52 lead into a 58-52 advantage, and the Badgers went on to win 72-65.

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BASKETBALL

# Jays drop out of top 10 after Big East tourney loss

WORLD-HERALD PRESS SERVICES

An early exit in the Big East tournament dropped Creighton three spots to No. 11 in this week's Associated Press Top 25, released Monday in one of the final polls this season.

The Jays also fell five spots to No. 11 in the USA Today coaches poll, which came out on Sunday.

Providence handed CU a 78-73 loss in the conference quarterfinals and sent the Jays back to Omaha with nothing to show for another trip to Madison Square Garden. Now, after being named a No. 3 seed for the second time, they'll prepare

for the NCAA tournament.

"You can take a little bit of pride in knowing that you had a good regular season," center Ryan Kalkbrenner said. "But once March comes around, every team that makes March Madness is a good team."

The Jays (23-9) — seeded only behind Purdue and Tennessee in the Midwest, and right in front of Kansas — will open their fourth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance with No. 7 seed Akron at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in Pittsburgh.

After a topsy-turvy regular season and a chaotic championship

week, UConn returned to No. 1 in the country for the second time this year. Houston checked in at No. 2, and Purdue is right behind at No. 3.

Iowa State jumped three spots to No. 4 after thrashing Houston in the Big 12 title game. The second-biggest riser this week was Auburn, moving up five spots to No. 7 after winning the SEC tournament.

CU women are No. 24

After finding out its NCAA tournament fate, the Creighton women checked in at No. 24 in the penultimate Associated Press Top 25 of the

season, released Monday.

The Jays were tabbed as the No. 7 seed in the UCLA subregional on Sunday evening, with their three straight trips to the tournament marking a program record. They will head west to face UNLV in the first round on Saturday.

"It's a testament to all that work that these players put in," coach Jim Flanery said. "They're competitive. They've worked really hard to get here."

The trip to Los Angeles will be CU's 10th tournament appearance, and the No. 7 seed is tied for its sec-

ond-highest ever.

The Jays enter March Madness at 25-5 after finishing the regular season second in the Big East behind UConn. They're led by an all-conference trio of Lauren Jensen, Morgan Maly and Emma Ronsiek — three players who had a part in a run to the Elite Eight two years ago.

Beating UNLV (30-2) would give CU a matchup with either No. 2 seed UCLA, the host school, or No. 15 seed California Baptist. First, they'll have to hold off the Rebels, who took a 15-game winning streak into Selection Sunday.

BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	54	14	.794	—
Milwaukee	44	24	.647	10
Cleveland	43	25	.632	11
New York	40	27	.597	13½
Orlando	40	28	.588	14
Philadelphia	38	30	.559	16
Indiana	38	31	.551	16½
Miami	37	31	.544	17
Chicago	33	35	.485	21
Atlanta	30	37	.448	23½
Brooklyn	26	42	.382	28
Toronto	23	45	.338	31
Charlotte	17	51	.250	37
Detroit	12	56	.176	42
Washington	11	57	.162	43

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	47	20	.701	—
Denver	47	21	.691	½
Minnesota	46	21	.687	1
L.A. Clippers	42	25	.627	5
New Orleans	41	26	.612	6
Sacramento	38	28	.576	8½
Dallas	39	29	.574	8½
Phoenix	39	29	.574	8½
Golden State	35	31	.530	11½
L.A. Lakers	36	32	.529	11½
Houston	32	35	.478	15
Utah	29	38	.433	18
Memphis	23	45	.338	24½
Portland	19	48	.284	28
San Antonio	15	53	.221	32½

Teams 1-6: Playoff position  
Teams 7-10: Play-in tournament

Monday

Cleveland 108, Indiana 103  
Boston 119, Detroit 94  
Philadelphia 98, Miami 91  
Portland at Chicago, late  
Minnesota at Utah, late  
Memphis at Sacramento, late  
New York at Golden State, late  
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, late

Tuesday

Charlotte at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
Houston at Washington, 6 p.m.  
New Orleans at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.  
Dallas at San Antonio, 7 p.m.  
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

College

AP Rankings

MEN	Rec.	Pts.	Prv.
1. Uconn (61)	31-3	1,549	2
2. Houston (1)	30-4	1,460	1
3. Purdue	29-4	1,436	3
4. Iowa St.	27-7	1,342	7
5. North Carolina	27-7	1,325	4
6. Tennessee	24-8	1,158	5
7. Auburn	27-7	1,096	12
8. Marquette	25-9	1,082	10
9. Arizona	25-8	1,080	6
10. Illinois	26-8	1,040	13
11. Creighton	23-9	920	8
12. Kentucky	23-9	866	9
13. Duke	24-8	834	11
14. Baylor	23-10	806	14
15. Saint Mary's	26-7	568	21
16. South Carolina	26-7	527	15
17. Kansas	22-10	445	16
18. Gonzaga	25-7	413	17
19. Alabama	21-11	380	19
20. Utah St.	27-6	346	18
21. BYU	23-10	310	20
22. Texas Tech	23-10	205	25
23. Wisconsin	22-13	175	NR
24. San Diego St.	24-10	158	NR
25. Washington St.	24-9	138	22

**Others receiving votes:** New Mexico 134, Florida 120, Nevada 51, NC State 36, James Madison 31, Dayton 27, Drake 26, Oregon 12, Colorado 10, **Nebraska 7**, Texas 7, Boise St. 6, McNeece St. 6, Clemson 5, Mississippi St. 5, South Florida 3, Colorado St. 3, FAU 2

WOMEN

	Rec.	Pts.	Prv.
1. South Carolina (35)	32-0	875	1
2. Iowa	29-4	823	2
3. Southern Cal	26-5	809	3
4. Texas	30-4	756	5
5. Stanford	28-5	743	4
6. UCLA	25-6	663	6
7. Ohio St.	25-5	644	7
8. LSU	28-5	622	8
9. Notre Dame	26-6	606	9
10. UConn	29-5	604	10
11. NC State	27-6	521	11
12. Oregon St.	24-7	476	12
13. Virginia Tech	24-7	444	13
14. Indiana	24-5	411	15
15. Kansas St.	25-7	365	16
16. Gonzaga	30-3	333	14
17. Colorado	22-9	275	18
18. Oklahoma	22-9	268	17
19. Baylor	24-7	236	19
20. UNLV	30-2	181	20
21. Utah	22-10	180	21

22. Syracuse	23-7	154	22
23. Louisville	24-9	93	24
24. Creighton	25-5	87	23
25. Fairfield	31-1	74	25

**Others receiving votes:** Princeton 48, **Nebraska 23**, Mississippi 20, Iowa St. 20, Duke 7, West Virginia 7, Richmond 4, Columbia 4, Tennessee 3, Florida St. 3, Kansas 2, Drake 1.

NCAA Tournaments

MEN

FIRST FOUR

Tuesday

**At UD Arena Dayton, Ohio**

Howard vs. Wagner, 5:40 p.m.  
Virginia vs. Colorado St., 8:10 p.m.

Wednesday

**At UD Arena Dayton, Ohio**

Montana St. vs. Grambling St., 5:40 p.m.  
Boise St. vs. Colorado, 8:10 p.m.

WOMEN

FIRST FOUR

Wednesday

**At Colonial Life Arena, Columbia, S.C.**

Sacred Heart vs. Presbyterian, 6 p.m.  
**At Cassell Coliseum, Blacksburg, Va.**

Vanderbilt vs. Columbia, 8 p.m.

Thursday

**At Gampel Pavilion, Storrs, Conn.**

Auburn vs. Arizona, 6 p.m.  
**At Carver-Hawkeye Arena, Iowa City**

Holy Cross vs. UT Martin, 8 p.m.

BASEBALL

MLB Spring Training

Monday

Korea at L.A. Dodgers, late  
N.Y. Yankees 4, Philadelphia (ss) 3  
Tampa Bay 7, Atlanta 3  
Minnesota 5, Boston 2  
Pittsburgh 11, Philadelphia (ss) 2  
Miami 6, Houston (ss) 5  
Seattle 9, Texas 5  
Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 5  
Milwaukee 4, L.A. Angels 3  
Oakland at Arizona, late  
Washington 10, Houston (ss) 1  
San Francisco at Cincinnati, late

Tuesday

Tampa Bay at Boston, 12:05 p.m.  
Miami (ss) at St. Louis (ss), 12:05 p.m.  
Baltimore at Toronto, 12:07 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Cleveland (ss), 3:05 p.m.  
Oakland at Texas, 3:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati at L.A. Angels, 3:10 p.m.  
Cleveland (ss) at Colorado (ss), 3:10 p.m.  
Colorado (ss) at Seattle, 3:10 p.m.  
Miami (ss) at Houston, 5:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Detroit, 5:05 p.m.  
St. Louis (ss) at N.Y. Mets, 5:10 p.m.  
Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at San Francisco, 9:05 p.m.

High School

Results Monday

**Omaha Skutt 6, Blair 5:** John Schulte allowed one run on three hits over two innings of relief to earn his first varsity win.

FOOTBALL

National Arena League

	W	L
Sioux City	1	0
Carolina	1	0
Colorado	0	0
Omaha	0	0
Idaho	0	1
Oklahoma	0	1

Saturday

Cedar Rapids at Colorado

Sunday

Omaha at Carolina, 2 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	69	40	14	15	95	231	190
Florida	68	45	19	4	94	224	165
Toronto	66	38	19	9	85	241	208
Tampa Bay	67	36	25	6	78	235	225
Detroit	68	34	26	8	74	232	209
Buffalo	68	32	31	5	69	201	202
Montreal	67	25	31	11	61	186	236
Ottawa	66	28	34	4	60	211	233

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	68	45	19	4	94	229	185
Carolina	68	42	20	6	90	232	184
Philadelphia	68	34	26	8	76	202	208
Washington	66	32	25	9	73	176	206
N.Y. Islanders	67	29	23	15	73	202	222
Pittsburgh	67	30	28	9	69	197	199
New Jersey	68	32	32	4	68	220	236

GAME TIME TUESDAY

COLLEGE BASEBALL

**1 p.m.:** Morningside at Bellevue (at Brown Park). **6 p.m.:** South Dakota State at Creighton (at Schwab Field). **6:05 p.m.:** UNO at Nebraska (at Haymarket Park)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

**9 a.m.:** College of St. Mary vs. Northwestern Ohio (at Melbourne, Fla.). **5 p.m.:** Creighton at UMKC

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

**4 p.m.:** South Sioux City at Lincoln High (at Densmore). **4:30 p.m.:** Bellevue West at Bellevue East, Omaha Benson at Lincoln Northeast, Omaha Bryan at Gretna East, Bennington at Lincoln Northwest (at Sherman), Blair at Omaha Concordia (at Orval Smith), Lincoln East at Lincoln Southeast (at Den Hartog), Omaha Skutt at Columbus (at Pawnee Park), Fort Calhoun at Wayne. **5 p.m.:** Platte Valley at Elkhorn (at Legion Field), Lincoln North Star at Fremont (at Schilke), Kearney at Papillion-La Vista (at UNO), Omaha Gross at Omaha South (at Brown Park). **7 p.m.:** Omaha Central at Omaha Creighton Prep

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

**4:30 p.m.:** Millard North at Omaha Creighton Prep. **5:30 p.m.:** Lincoln North Star vs. Lincoln Southwest (at Union Bank). **6 p.m.:** Lincoln Pius X at Lincoln High. **6:30 p.m.:** Papillion-La Vista at Omaha Northwest. **7 p.m.:** Papillion-La Vista South at Gretna, Omaha Burke at Bellevue East, Omaha Buena Vista at Gretna East, Omaha Central at Elkhorn South, Lincoln Southeast at Norfolk, Lincoln Northwest at Bennington. **7:15 p.m.:** South Sioux City at Omaha Skutt. **7:30 p.m.:** Millard South at Omaha South

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

**2 p.m.:** North Platte at Elkhorn South. **4 p.m.:** Omaha Concordia at Omaha Duchesne. **4:15 p.m.:** Omaha Central at Omaha Mercy (at College of St. Mary). **5 p.m.:** Bellevue East at Gretna East, Nebraska City at Omaha Buena Vista, Gretna at Millard West, Bellevue East at Gretna East, Lincoln Northeast vs. Lincoln East (at Seacrest), Bennington at Lincoln Northwest (at Speedway). **5:30 p.m.:** South Sioux City at Omaha Skutt. **6 p.m.:** Fremont at Kearney. **7 p.m.:** Papillion-La Vista South at Omaha Burke, Omaha Bryan at Omaha Westview, Omaha Gross at Ralston

Columbus	68	23	34	11	57	199	246
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	67	43	19	5	91	210	158
Colorado	68	43	20	5	91	254	204
Dallas	69	41	19	9	91	251	210
Nashville	68	39	25	4	82	219	204
St. Louis	68	36	29	3	75	194	205
Minnesota	68	33	27	8	74	212	219
Arizona	68	28	35	5	61	201	224
Chicago	68	19	44	5	43	150	242

Pacific Division



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Cox, Suzanne

April 20, 1958 - March 13, 2024



On March 13, 2024 Suzanne Cox, born on April 20, 1958 to Arnie and Delaine Deaton in Dallas Texas, passed away from late stage small cell lung cancer. She was diagnosed May 2023. Suzanne passed away in the comfort of her own home with friends and family present to love and support her.

Suzanne was enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as a helicopter mechanic from 1978 to 1993. She was very proud of this accomplishment. She also had a bachelor's degree in criminal justice

from Sam Houston State University.

Suzanne was very supportive to everyone she knew. She was the rock to her family and did everything she could to love and support her family and friends in every way possible. Suzanne was well known for being the person everyone could turn to for any kind of problem. She enjoyed being around friends and family, completing puzzles, crocheting, and spending time loving on her pets and grandchildren/great grandchildren.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her husband Billy Cox, her parents Arnie and Delaine Deaton, and her grandson Michael Barnett. She was survived by her sister Linda Deaton (David) of San Francisco, CA; her daughters Nancy Hines (Eric) and Heather Rieper of Omaha, NE; her grandchildren Kathrine Barnett (Nicholas) of Lavista, NE; Haley Polk (Devonta) of Keller, TX, Summer Nelson (Nicholas) of Omaha; Katie Hines of Omaha; Justin Nelson of Omaha; Zachary Rieper of Omaha; her 10 great grandchildren, and her four pets Dixie, Joker, Onyx, and Pearl. She was very well loved and will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to local cancer support and care facilities.

Cupstid, Rebecca J.

June 5, 1951 - March 16, 2024

Age 72. Preceded in death by parents, Norman and Shirley Jones. Survived by children, Katie Matthews, Adam Soucy (Kelly), Abby Kelley (Michael); grandchildren, Conner, Hannah, Jayden, Joshua, Aiden, Lily, and Gracie; sister, Laurie Peterson (Howard). PRIVATE FAMILY SERVICE

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Gerken, Mary Kathleen (Beecham)

April 5, 1948 - March 13, 2024



Mary Kathleen (Beecham) Gerken died peacefully at home on Wednesday, March 13th. Born in Palmyra, Nebraska to Bill and Marie Beecham, Mary Kay grew up the middle of nine siblings. After graduating from Palmyra High School in 1965, Mary moved to Lincoln to attend Saint Elizabeth's Nursing School. The stories told from those days at "St. E's" could fill a book. Thankfully no book was necessary as the friendships formed there lasted the rest of her life.

In 1976, Mary Kay married Bob Gerken. With many friends in common and a shared sense of adventure, Mary and Bob started their lives together, which would span the next 47 years. They went on to have two children, Drew and Joanna, and became active members at Saint Cecilia's Cathedral Parish. It would be difficult to find a volunteer role at Saint Cecilia that one of them didn't hold at some point. It was so much more than just a Church to them; it was their community from which countless friendships were formed and fostered. Being a nurse was a defining role of Mary's life. She was a proud, capable nurse not only to her patients at Nebraska Medicine where she worked for over 40 years but to her friends and family who routinely called for medical advice. Always patient and thoughtful, Mary was a wise woman, gave good advice and when all else failed offered her trademark, "It is what it is." Indeed, when she was diagnosed with cancer in 2012, Mary leaned into her trademark phrase and lived well for the next 12 years. Traveling the world, spending time with friends and soaking up any chance to spend time with her nine grandchildren. Mary leaves behind her husband, Bob; and children, Drew (Crystal) and Joanna (Josh Nordhues); nine "Grands" Logan Field, Ella, Lucy, Sofie, and Sunny Gerken, Avery, Mack, Marlo, and Otto Nordhues; two sisters, Margaret Skean and Jean LeBlanc; and two brothers, Bob and Marty Beecham. She is preceded by her Mom and Dad; and brothers, Jerry, John, Pat, and infant brother Timothy.

VISITATION: Begins Tuesday, March 19th, at 5 p.m. at St. Cecilia Cathedral with a WAKE SERVICE: at 7 p.m. MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Wednesday, March 20th, 11:15 a.m. at St. Cecilia Cathedral. INTERMENT: Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials to The Furniture Project. 10808 J St, Omaha, NE 68137.

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Omaha World-Herald

Green, Mearl D.

July 10, 1949 - March 8, 2024



Mearl D. Green died on the 8th of March, at Ascension Living Via Christi Village in Manhattan, KS, at the age of 74 years, 7 months and 27 days.

Mearl was born July 10, 1949, to Virgil and May (Swanson) Green, in Moorhead, IA. He was raised in Pisgah, IA, graduated from West Harrison High School in 1967, then served in the United States Army until honorably discharged in 1971 as an SP5. He moved back to Iowa after a short period of time working down south and soon



began his 28 year career as a carrier for the Council Bluffs branch of the United States Postal Service.

Mearl wed the love of his life, Merry L. (Wallis) in 1975. They welcomed a son, RJ, in 1985, followed by a daughter, JJ, in 1987, and moved to Underwood, IA, shortly after. He medically retired from the USPS in 2001 due to congestive heart failure. Mearl spent his retirement years with his friends and family moving to McComb, MS, then to Council Bluffs, IA, and finally Topeka, KS. Mearl enjoyed volunteering for many organizations throughout his life, most notably: the Underwood Optimist Club, Underwood Athletic Boosters, and First Christian Church. He founded his local community (Prime Square) activities group where they would play daily card games and have special breakfasts and lunches throughout the year. He dedicated his life to service for many organizations and touched multiple lives.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Merry Green; his parents, Virgil and May Green; brother, Allen Green; sister-in-law, Carole Ann Green.

He is survived by his children, RJ Green, of Draper, UT, and JJ Green, of Topeka, KS; his brother, Larry Green, of Orson, IA; sister-in-law, Karen Green, of Tylertown, MI; and other loving family and friends.

VISITATION will be held at the Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home, on Thursday, March 21st, from 5 to 7 p.m., and FUNERAL SERVICE: Friday, March 22nd, at 10:30 a.m.

Mearl will be laid to rest with wife, Merry in the Garner Township Cemetery, with a luncheon to follow, at the Walnut Hill Reception Center in Walnut Hill Cemetery. The family would like to direct memorials to a scholarship fund in lieu of flowers.

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Healy, Darlene C.

August 26, 1929 - March 15, 2024

Preceded in death by husband, Robert Healy.

VISITATION: Wednesday, March 20th, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the West Center Chapel, followed by FUNERAL SERVICE at 11 a.m. INTERMENT: Calvary Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To view a live stream of the service, please visit www.heafeyheafey.com and click the "View Live Cast" button at the top of the home page.

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Jacobson, Tina K.

October 13, 1949 - March 16, 2024

Tina K. Jacobson, age 74 years, passed away March 16, 2024. She was born October 13, 1949, to the late Edward and Mary Mahenski, in Martins Ferry, OH. Tina graduated from Omaha Tech High School in 1967. She was married to Gary Bequette from 1967 to 1992 and had two children, then to Richard Jacobson in 1993. Tina worked as an underwriter assistant for Employer Company Mutual for many years and after retirement worked as a bus aide for the Omaha Public Schools.

Tina was preceded in death along with parents; husband, Richard Jacobson; brothers, Edward Mahenski, Eric Cox. She is survived by son, Bob (Beth) Bequette; daughter, Cindy (Dave) Huey; grandchildren, Nikki (Doug) Johnstone, Brandon and Alex Bequette; four great-grandchildren; siblings, Ted, Lonnie and Bob Mahenski, Zina Sayles; other loving family and friends.

SERVICE: Wednesday, 10 a.m., with VISITATION: starting an hour prior, at the Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Bayliss Park Chapel. INTERMENT: Westlawn-Hillcrest Memorial Park.

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Kirkland, Thelma D.

November 26, 1935 - March 5, 2024

Preceded in death by husband, Leland Kirkland; parent,s Guy and Lucille Earnest; brothers, Howard and Melvin Earnest

Survived by sister, Velma Foreman; son, Russell L. Kirkland (Ruth); grandchildren, Jennifer Rowe, Kyle Kirkland, Megan Kirkland, and Amanda Kirkland; great-grandchildren, Beckett David Russell Rowe (Jen Rowe), and Brooks Russell Kirkland (Kyle and Ashley Kirkland); in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews

A MEMORIAL SERVICE was held March 14th, at the Korisko Larkin Staskiewicz Funeral Home.

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Ludwick, Cynthia L.

September 8, 1946 - March 17, 2024



VISITATION: Wednesday, March 20th, 5 to 7 p.m., at West Center Chapel. FUNERAL SERVICE: Thursday, March 21st, 10:30 a.m., at Emmaus Bible Church, 4501 S. 23rd St. INTERMENT: Omaha National Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Emmaus Bible Church.

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Newsome, Carl Allen

March 1, 1946 - March 13, 2024

Carl, age 78, of Red Oak, IA. Formerly of Omaha. Passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Carl was born March 1, 1946, in Omaha. He was the son of Paul and Doris Newsome.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne Newsome, of Red Oak; daughter, Jennifer Newsome, of Omaha; grandsons, Taylor Newsome and wife, Heather; Elliott Hoffman and Gavin Newsome; great-grandchildren, Hudson and Valerie; and brother, Gary Newsom.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE: will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel at 1995 G Ave. in Red Oak.

NELSON-BOYLAN-LERETTE FUNERAL CHAPEL

Pettit, Richard Lee

July 22, 1931 - March 16, 2024



Richard Lee Pettit, age 92, of Neola, IA, passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at the Hospice House in Omaha. Richard was born July 22, 1931, in Peoria, IL, to Frank and Mildred (Edminster) Pettit. He married Joan Shadid on August 16, 1953, in Peoria. Richard served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He then worked for the National Weather Bureau in Peoria, as a meteorologist until he retired in 1987. Richard was a past president of the Peoria High School Athletic



Association, a member of the Lions Club of Neola, IA, and a member of Harvest Alliance Church in Minden, IA. He loved spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Joan, on August 16, 2016; and his brothers, David Pettit and Douglas Pettit. Richard is survived by sons, Michael (Nancy) Pettit, Stephen (Ashley) Pettit; daughters, Lynne (Brett) Susie and Lisa (Nick) Logan; grandchildren, Annie Pettit, Joe (Adalina) Pettit, Hannah Pettit, Kyle Pettit, Ryan Pettit, Elizabeth Kottich, Jon Logan, and Kara Logan; great-grandchildren, Gabby Pettit, Harper Pettit, Matias Pettit, and Sofia Pettit.

VISITATION with the family will be held on Wednesday, March 20th, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Harvest Alliance Church, in Minden. The FUNERAL SERVICE will be held on Thursday, March 21st, at 9:30 a.m., with refreshments to follow at Harvest Alliance Church.

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Porter, Carlice Sue

October 7, 1956 - March 7, 2024

Carlice (Carla) Sue Porter, 67, of Milford, formerly of Lincoln, NE, gained her heavenly home on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE will be held Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Lauber Funeral Home in Milford, NE. Lauber Funeral and Cremation Services-Milford.

Robinson, Dale Eugene

April 6, 1956 - March 15, 2024



Dale Eugene Robinson, age 67 years, born to William and Lorna (Rock) Robinson, April 6, 1956, in Omaha. Dale lived in Honey Creek, IA, passed away on March 15, 2024, at Jenny Ed Hospital in Council Bluffs, IA. He was a graduate of Omaha North High School. Dale worked alongside his dad at Robinson's Garage and took over the business in 1987 till he sold in 2011.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Lorna; wife, Debra (Stone) Robinson; brothers, Douglas Robinson,

Denny Robinson. Survived by his children, Gabe Robinson, Danielle and husband, Douglas Walters, Heather and husband, Matthew Wobbema, Stevie and husband, Aaron Hubbard; grandchildren, Tanner, Alexis, Austin, Drew, Kylie, Kelsey, Ty, Kinley, Logan, Karley and Camden and a host of other family.

SERVICE: Thursday, 11 a.m., at the Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Bayliss Park Chapel. INTERMENT: Grange Cemetery, in Honey Creek. VISITATION: Wednesday, 5 to 7 p.m., at the Bayliss Park Chapel.

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Ross, Wesley Thomas, Jr.

February 22, 1935 - March 15, 2024



Wesley was preceded in death by his parents, Wesley and Crystal (Gillmore) Ross; wife, Marlene Ross; grandson, Tyler Ross; sister, Chis Czaplewski; sister, Sharon Baxter; and brother, Kenneth "Butch" Duncan. He is survived by his sons, Mark (Donna) Ross and David (Michelle) Ross; grandchildren, Katherine Ross, Anthony (Kari) Oxtal, Candice Ross, and David Ross; great-grandchildren, Lola Oxtal, Luke Oxtal, Logan Ross, Violet Oxtal, Olivia Ross, and Luci Ross; and sister, Yovonne Meyers.

VISITATION: 6 to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn, NE. FUNERAL SERVICE: 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn. INTERMENT: Pleasant View Cemetery in Leshara, NE. Memorials may be directed to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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Zadina, Joseph F.

December 21, 1933 - March 13, 2024



Joseph was preceded in death by his loving wife, Theresa A. Zadina; parents, Joseph and Bessie Zadina; brother, Milton Zadina; sister, Mildred Fancullo.

He is survived by his children, Bob, John, Tom, Sharon Fowler, Charlene (Joe) Kurtz; grandchildren, Amanda, Alison, Lucy, Matthew, Mark, Cara, Kayla, Jake, Angie, Katie, and Joe; six great-grandchildren; sister, Alice Wichita; brother-in-law, Joe Stuczynski; numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

VISITATION to take place on Monday, March 18, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Bethany Funeral Home, with a ROSARY service to follow, at 7 p.m. MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 10 a.m., at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, 4002 J. St., Omaha, NE. 68107. BURIAL: Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

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Tournament

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Most prominent should be Baylor Scheierman (Aurora) for Creighton, William Kyle (Bellevue West) and Charlie Easley (Lincoln Pius X) for South Dakota State, Chucky Hepburn (Bellevue West) for Wisconsin, Jay Pal (Omaha Central) for San Diego State and Latrell Wrightsell Jr. (Central) for Alabama.

South Dakota State and Grand Canyon were conference tournament champions.

Hepburn will be the only one in a CBS TV window. Wisconsin plays James Madison in a 5-12 matchup at 8:40 p.m. Friday.

In the NCAA women's tournament, Nebraska plays on the first day. Creighton, Iowa, Kent State and California Baptist drew Saturday games.

Millard South will have alumnae in all but the Iowa game. Jayme Horan plays for Creighton, Maddie Krull for Nebraska, Mya Babbitt for Kent State and Khloe Lemon for California Baptist. Iowa, Kent State and California Baptist were conference tournament champions.

Alexis Markowski (Lincoln Pius X) for Nebraska and Morgan Maly (Crete) for Creighton are the only projected starters in those games.

Below the NCAA tournament level, five Nebraskans are involved in one of the other three men's post-season events and seven in the two for women. None of the first-round games in those tournaments are on network or cable television.

NCAA men

**Thursday**  
**Creighton (23-9) vs. Akron (24-10), 12:30 p.m. in Pittsburgh (TNT)**

**Baylor Scheierman (sr., Aurora/South Dakota State):** 32 starts, 18.4 ppg, 9.0 rpg, 4.0 apg. High game: 27 vs. Providence and Butler. Note: Unanimous All-Big East first-team selection. **Isaac Traudt (r-fr., Grand Island/Virginia):** 28 games, 2 starts, 3.2 ppg., 1.4 rpg. High game: 18 vs. Central Michigan. **Josiah Dotzler (fr., Bellevue West):** 17 games, 1.5 ppg. High game: 6 vs. Central Michigan. **Jasen Green (r-fr.,**



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**Bellevue West graduate Chucky Hepburn is averaging 9.3 points and 3.9 assists for Wisconsin, which will open the NCAA tournament against James Madison.**

**Millard North):** 22 games, 1.4 ppg., 1.2 rpg. High game: 8 vs. Connecticut. **Josh Townley-Thomas (so., Omaha Creighton Prep):** Has not played.

**South Dakota State (22-12) vs. Iowa State (27-7), 6:35 p.m. in Omaha (truTV) – William Kyle (so., Bellevue West):** 34 games, 23 starts, 13.1 ppg, 6.6 rpg. High game: 26 at Denver. Note: Summit League's defensive player of the year was a first-team all-league selection and the Summit's tournament MVP. **Charlie Easley (sr., Lincoln Pius X/NU):** 33 games, 33 starts, 12.0 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 2.3 apg. High game: 24 vs. UNO. Note: Named to the Summit All-Defensive team. **Jack Hastreiter (r-fr., Lincoln Pius X):** 9 games, 0.9 ppg., 0.8 rpg. High game: 5 vs. Denver.

**Friday**  
**Nebraska (23-10) vs. Texas A&M (20-14), 5:50 p.m. in Memphis (TNT)**

**Josiah Allick (sr., Lincoln North Star/UMKC/New Mexico):** 32 games, 26 starts, 7.1 ppg., 5.3 rpg. High game: 15 vs. Northwestern and at Michigan. **Sam Hoiberg (so., Lincoln Pius X):** 33 games, 3.5 ppg., 3.0 rpg. High game: 15 vs. Lindenwood. **Cale Jacobsen (r-fr., Ashland-Greenwood):** 19 games, 0.7 ppg. High game: 4 vs. South Carolina State. **Henry Burt (r-fr., Elkhorn South):** 7 games, 0.3 ppg., 0.4 rpg. High game: 2 vs. Florida A&M.

**San Diego State (24-10) vs. UAB (23-11), 12:30 p.m. in Spokane, Washington (TNT) – Jay Pal, (jr., Omaha Central/Jacksonville State/Campbell):** 34 games, 10 starts, 5.3 ppg., 4.2 rpg. High game: 15 vs. Cal-Irvine.

**Marquette (25-9) vs. Western Kentucky (22-11), 1 p.m. in Indianapolis (TBS) – Casey O'Malley (Omaha Creighton Prep):** 9 games, 2 rebounds, 1 assist.

**Alabama (21-11) vs. Charleston (27-7), 6:35 p.m. in Spokane (truTV) – Latrell Wrightsell (sr., Omaha Central/Cal State Fullerton):** 28 games, 10 starts, 8.3 ppg., 2.9 rpg. High game: 19 three times, most recently vs. LSU.

**Wisconsin (22-13) vs. James Madison (31-3), 8:40 p.m. in Brooklyn (CBS) – Chucky Hepburn (jr., Bellevue West):** 34 games, 34 starts, 9.3 ppg., 3.9 apg., 3.4 rpg. High game: 22 vs. Purdue. Note: Topped 1,000 points in his career Sunday against Illinois.

**Grand Canyon (29-4) vs. Saint Mary's (26-7), 9:05 p.m. in Spokane (truTV) – Lok Wur, (jr., Papillion-La Vista South/Oregon):** 33 games, 1 start, 5.8 ppg., 3.2 rpg. High game 15 vs. UT-Arlington.

NCAA women

**Friday**  
**Nebraska (22-11) vs. Texas A&M (19-12), 9:30 p.m. at Corvallis, Oregon (ESPNU)**

**Alexis Markowski (jr., Lincoln Pius X):** 33 starts, 15.9 ppg., 10.8 rpg. High game: 24 vs. Creighton. **Maddie Krull, Nebraska (sr., Millard South/South Dakota):** 30 games, 16 starts, 2.1 ppg., 1.7 rpg. High game: 7 vs. Illinois. **Allison Weidner, Nebraska (jr., Humphrey St. Francis):** Missed the season with injury.

**Saturday**  
**Creighton (25-5) vs. UNLV (30-2), 6 p.m. at Los Angeles (ESPNNews)**

**Morgan Maly (sr., Crete):** 30 starts, 15.1 ppg., 6.6 rpg., 2.3 apg. High game: 30 vs. South Dakota. **Jayme Horan (sr., Millard South):** 28 games, 3.1 ppg. 2.2 rpg. High game: 14 at Seton Hall.

**Kent State (21-10) at Notre Dame (26-6), 1:15 p.m. (ESPN) – Mya Babbitt (fr., Millard South):** 21 games, 2.4 ppg., 1.2 rpg. High game: 11 vs. Lake Erie.

**Iowa (29-4) hosts winner of Holy Cross/Tennessee Martin, 2 p.m. (ABC) – Taylor McCabe (so., Fremont):** 27 games, 4.0 ppg. High game: 18 vs. Florida Gulf Coast.

**California Baptist (28-3) at UCLA (25-6), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN2) – Khloe Lemon, (fr., Millard South):** 21 games, 8 starts, 12.0 ppg., 3.36 rpg. High game: 28 vs. Southern Utah. Note: Missed February and early March with an injury.

Other men's tournaments

**NIT**  
**Wake Forest (20-13) hosts Appalachian State (27-6), 7 p.m. Wednesday (ESPN+) – Hunter Sallis (so., Millard North/Gonzaga):** 33 starts, 18.1 ppg., 4.1 rpg., 2.5 apg. High game: 29 vs. Duke. Note: Named ACC newcomer of the year and was the first from Nebraska to be named to the All-ACC first team.

**Loyola Chicago (23-9) at Bradley (22-11), 7 p.m. Wednesday (ESPN+) – Jayden Dawson, (so., Omaha Central):** 26 games, 15 starts, 7.9 ppg., 2.2 rpg. High game: 26 at Tulsa.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL**  
**Northern Colorado (19-13) vs. Cleveland State, 10 a.m. Sunday – Saint Thomas (jr., Millard North/Loyola Chicago):** 32 starts, 19.7 ppg., 9.8 rpg., 4.2 apg.

High game: 37 at Montana. Notes: Named Big Sky newcomer of the year and was unanimously a first-team selection. **Connor Creech (jr., Hastings):** 21 games, 1.2 ppg., 1.4 rpg. High game, 7 vs. Texas A&M-Commerce.

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**Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (21-11) vs. Abilene Christian (15-17), 8 p.m. Tuesday (ESPN+) – Jaren Marshall, (so., Omaha Central):** 7 games, 0.6 ppg., 0.7 rpg. High game: 2 vs. Southwestern Adventist and Schreiner.

Other women's tournaments

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INVITATION

**First round Thursday**  
**Toledo (26-5) hosts Cleveland State (29-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN+) – Quinesha Lockett (sr., Omaha Benson):** 25 starts (injured for six games), 15.8 ppg., 6.2 rpg., 3.1 apg. High game: 26 vs. Bowling Green. Notes: Her 2,388 points are No. 2 on the Rockets' career list. Repeat choice for the All-MAC first team.

**Mississippi State (21-11) hosts Georgia Tech (17-15), TBA (ESPN+) – Nyayongah Gony (jr. Lincoln High/Miami), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN+):** 19 games, 2 starts, 1.7 ppg., 1.4 rpg. High game: 7 vs. Miami.

**WOMEN'S NIT**  
**Eastern Kentucky (22-11) – Jasmine McGinnis-Taylor (sr., Omaha Westside/Illinois State):** 32 games, 24 starts, 6.8 ppg., 6.2 rpg. High game: 16 vs. North Alabama.

**Illinois State (21-11) – Hannah Kelle (sr., Lincoln Southwest):** Back from injury for March, 4 games, 3.3 ppg., 1.0 rpg. High game: 9 (in 9 minutes) vs. Evansville.

**South Dakota (21-12) – Nicole Avila-Ambrosi (jr., Millard North/California Baptist):** 33 starts, 5.2 ppg., 1.2 rpg. High game: 16 vs. South Dakota State.

**Northern Iowa (16-15) – Taryn Wharton (so., Bellevue West):** 31 games, 2 starts, 3.7 ppg, 1.2 rpg. High game: 16 at Creighton. **Bri Robinson (fr., Lincoln High):** 22 games, 2.0 ppg. High game: 8 at Belmont.

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NU basketball

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"The game's gonna be won on the glass," forward Josiah Allick said. "They don't shoot it well from 3, but they're gonna go get their misses. And so the coaches can scout maybe their most likely path to the rim, but at the end of the day, it's gonna be man-on-man. Are you gonna nut up and get it done?"

There's precedent to Nebraska

struggling against teams like Texas A&M this season, schools with an excess of size and length under the basket who excel in cleaning up missed shots. Rutgers thrashed the Huskers for 25 offensive rebounds in January. More recently, Illinois cleaned up 14 of its own misses while eliminating NU from the Big Ten tournament.

Nebraska didn't outrebound its opponent in any of its 10 losses this year. The Huskers were even with Minnesota on the glass while dropping their Big Ten opener. In

every other loss, they grabbed fewer rebounds than their opponent. Nine times, NU allowed at least nine offensive boards in losing efforts.

Now, an Aggie team statistically better on the offensive glass than any other Nebraska has seen looms Friday night. A&M has been among the top 100 teams in offensive rebounding percentage every year since coach Buzz Williams took over in 2019.

"It's what Buzz's teams have always done," Hoiberg said.

"They're so tough. They're so disciplined, and I have so much respect for him, and we know we're gonna be in for a battle."

There are other factors that favor Nebraska on paper. The Aggies' 28.4% clip from 3-point range is the 10th worst in the nation. The Huskers have won games by outpacing low-volume opponents from beyond the arc, notably Indiana. NU outscored the Hoosiers 120-54 from deep over three games this season.

In Texas A&M, Nebraska has

an uncommon challenge. It will face a team with the inverse of its strengths and weaknesses; where the Aggies thrive, the Huskers struggle and vice versa. After 33 games, the clash of styles is what stands between NU and its first tournament win.

"It doesn't matter who we're playing," Hoiberg said. "We're gonna play a great team at this time of year, and it's just all about the preparation now and putting a game plan together to hopefully give us a chance."

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DAILY COMMUTER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Gladden  
6 "Too bad!"  
10 Law-to-be, perhaps  
14 Antianxiety med  
15 Lymph \_\_\_\_  
16 Operatic solo  
17 Rags-to-riches tale: 2 wds.  
20 Stretchy  
21 Devices with Siri  
22 Grp. of connected PCs  
23 Finish up  
24 Blessing  
25 "Ready \_\_, here I come!": 2 wds.  
27 Puts back to 0  
31 Tubular sandwich  
34 Bit the dust: 2 wds.  
36 Be false  
37 Sunrise's direction  
38 Sinus-treating doc  
39 Land amid water  
40 NL West team  
41 "I know the answer!": 2 wds.  
43 Smell awful  
44 Flip, as a house  
47 Hayek who played Frida Kahlo  
49 Zilch  
51 "More than I needed to know!"  
52 Yoga surface  
55 Savory meat pies  
58 Egg-based paint  
60 Ways to get around traffic: 2 wds.  
62 Lion's sound  
63 2011 MCU film

DOWN

1 Shine  
2 Boxer Ali  
3 Former UN leader Kofi  
4 Teeny bits  
5 Noted New England prep school  
6 Speaker's stories  
7 "u r funny"  
8 Go off script  
9 Cruise stop  
10 Sticks in relay races

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64 Smelled awful  
65 Door openers  
66 \_\_, zwei, drei...  
67 Map book


11 De-wrinkle  
12 Old Italian money  
13 \_\_ it on the line  
18 Actress Lisa  
19 Pump, e.g.  
25 Choose  
26 6.2-mile races: 2 wds.  
28 If not  
29 Domino, e.g.  
30 Look for  
31 Have on  
32 Hard to find  
33 Yard-sale caveat: 2 wds.  
35 "This is important!": 2 wds.  
39 Nest-egg letters

41 Perfectly cooked, as pasta  
42 Bugs Bunny's foil  
45 Goes in  
46 Hidden hangout  
48 Brunch cocktail  
50 Japanese beer brand  
52 Iron, say  
53 Big concert venue  
54 Things to do  
55 Urban green space  
56 Topical gel additive  
57 "Don't move, doggo!"  
59 Short golf shot  
61 Vast quantity

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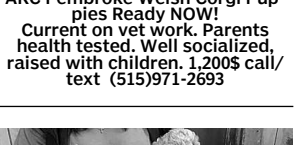


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Legal Notices

The Plattsmouth Housing Authority will hold a public hearing on the One- & Five-Year Plan Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Plattsmouth Housing Authority office at 801 Washington Ave, Plattsmouth, NE. The regular monthly meeting will follow. Plans are available for review at the Plattsmouth Housing Authority office. The meeting agenda, which shall be kept continually current, is available at the Housing Authority office. 2024, (3) 19 - Tuesdays, ZNEZ

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE

In accordance with Section 70-637 R.R.S. Nebraska State Statutes (1943 as amended), notice is hereby given that the Omaha Public Power District intends to negotiate and enter into a contract for an Operations Service Agreement to include OEM parts, Technical Field Assistance, and other services for Siemens Energy Combustion Turbines located Cass County Station, Sarpy County Station, and Turtle Creek Station.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Tevi Lawson at 531-226-3080.

OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT 2024, (3) 5, 12, 19 - Tuesdays, ZNEZ

LEGAL NOTICE-ADULT NAME CHANGE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
Case Number: C-24-300  
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF:  
Avery LeeAnn Cantu  
Notice is hereby given that on the 23 day of Feb., 2024 a petition was filed in the District Court of Sarpy County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is for the change of the petitioner's name from Avery LeeAnn Cantu to Anna LeeAnn Lange.  
A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Judge Nathan Cox, in courtroom no. 6, 1210 Golden Gate Drive on the 17 day of May, 2024 at 9:45 A.M., or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the petitioner's name will be changed from that of Avery LeeAnn Cantu, to Anna LeeAnn Lange.  
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Advertisement for Bids for the NECC iHub Renovations 2024 – EDA Investment No.: 05-79-06224.  
Northeast Community College, 801 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701 will receive sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for the NECC iHub Renovations 2024. All work shall be furnished in strict accordance with the Bid Documents dated, March 4, 2024 and prepared by Wilkins Architecture Design Planning, L.L.C. Bids will be received only upon the printed forms furnished by the Architect.  
Pre-bid meeting attendance is strongly recommended for all contractors and will held Wednesday March 13, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. CST in the Main North Entry of 707 & 713 West Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701.  
Instruction to bidders can be obtained by emailing christopherr@northeast.edu.  
Bid Documents may be obtained from the following location: Standard Digital Imaging , 4424 South 108th Street, Omaha, NE 68137 (402) 592-1292. A deposit in the amount of \$75.00 (made payable to Wilkins Architecture Design Planning, L.L.C. ) will be required for each set of bidding documents  
Bid Documents may be examined at Standard Digital Imaging: www.standarddigital.com; Omaha Builders Exchange: www.omahaplanningroom.com, 4159 S 94th St, Omaha, NE 68127; Lincoln Builders Bureau: www.buildersbureau.com,5910 S. 58th Suite #C, Lincoln, NE 68516; Builders Plan Service: www.gichamber.com. 309 West 2nd, Grand Island, NE 68801; Hastings Builders Bureau: www.hastingschamber.com, 301 South Burlington, Hastings, NE 68902; Kearney Plan Service: www.kearneycoc.org, 1007 2nd Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847; Central Nebraska Plan Service 111 West 6th Street, North Platte, NE 69101; Phelps County Development Corporation: www.phelpscountyne.com, 502 East Avenue, Holdrege, NE 68949; Norfolk Builders Exchange: www.norfolkareachamber.com, 405 Madison Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701; Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce: www.thecolumbuspage.com, 753 33rd Ave, Columbus, NE 68602-0515; Fremont Chamber of Commerce: www.fremontne.org, 605 Broad Street, Fremont, NE 68025; Plains Builders Exchange, Inc.: www.plainsbuilders.com, 220 N Kiwanis Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104; Siouxland Construction Alliance: www.sioxulandconstructionalliance.com, 3900 Stadium Dr, Sioux City, IA 51106;Sioux Falls Builders Exchange: www.sfbx.com, 1418 C Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104; ConstructConnect: www.constructconnect.com, 3825 Edwards Road, Ste. 800 Cincinnati, OH 45209; Construction Industry Center: www.constructionindustrycenter.com, 2771 Plant St. Rapid City, SD 57702; Dodge Data & Analytics (Electronic Plan Room): www.construction.com, 3315 Central Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71913; iSqFt: www.isqft.com, Reed Construction Data: www.cmbgroup.com, 30 Technology Drive So, Suite 500, Norcross, GA 30092.  
The Bid Opening will be on Tuesday March 26, 2024 at 2:00PM CST at the College Welcome Center, Purchasing Office located at 801 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701. At this time the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid Security of 5% of the Lump Sum Bid is required with the proposal. Bids shall remain open to acceptance and shall be irrevocable for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid closing date. Bids shall be submitted on or before the specified closing time to Christopher Rutten, Director of Purchasing, Northeast Community College, 801 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk, NE 68701.  
2024, (3) 9, 12, 19 - Saturdays, ZNEZ

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 81 OF SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA WASTE COLLECTION 2024

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of Lamp Rynearson, 14710 West Dodge Road, Suite 100, Omaha, Nebraska 68154 until 4:30 p.m. on the 9th day of April, 2024, for the furnishing of all labor, materials, use of Contractor's equipment, plant, and all else necessary to perform properly all of the services within the project generally designated WASTE COLLECTION 2024 within and for Sanitary and Improvement District No. 81 of Sarpy County, Nebraska, and generally including removal and disposal of residential trash and yard waste on a weekly basis, and removal of recyclables from all residences on an every-other-week basis within the boundary of the District.  
At such hour, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Board of Trustees of the District will proceed to open in the presence of all bidders and consider the bids received for the furnishing of such labor, materials, and equipment necessary for the proper provision of such services.  
The extent of the work consists of the performance of the services listed below and other related preparatory and subsidiary work from issuance of the Notice to Proceed:

ITEM NO.	BID ITEM DESCRIPTION	APPROXIMATE QUANTITY
JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 1	WEEKLY COLLECTION – TRASH AND YARD WASTE, EVERY OTHER WEEK COLLECTION – RECYCLING	75 EA
JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 2	WEEKLY COLLECTION – TRASH AND YARD WASTE, EVERY OTHER WEEK COLLECTION – RECYCLING	75 EA
JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026 3	WEEKLY COLLECTION – TRASH AND YARD WASTE, EVERY OTHER WEEK COLLECTION – RECYCLING	75 EA
JANUARY 1, 2027 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027 4	WEEKLY COLLECTION – TRASH AND YARD WASTE, EVERY OTHER WEEK COLLECTION – RECYCLING	75 EA

The area subject to special assessments for the subject improvements shall be the same as the outer boundaries of the District. The Engineer's estimate of the cost for the provision of all such services and related work is \$84,600.00.  
All work called for in the drawings and specifications shall be furnished in strict accordance with the drawings and specifications prepared by Lamp Rynearson, Engineers for the District, and now filed in the office of the Clerk of the District, at 10330 Regency Parkway Drive, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68114 and bids will be received only upon the proposal form furnished through the Engineer for the District.  
Each bid must be accompanied in a SEPARATE SEALED ENVELOPE by a certified check drawn on a bank whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the amount of \$4,650.00, payable without condition to the Treasurer, Sanitary and Improvement District No. 81 of Sarpy County, Nebraska, or a bid bond for a like amount, as evidence of good faith of the bidder and as agreed upon liquidated damages to the District in the event the bidder whose proposal is accepted by the Board of Trustees of the District fails to enter into contract within ten (10) days after Notice of Award and furnish acceptable bond to complete the work and pay for all labor done and materials used, such bond to be in the amount of 100% of the total bid price.  
No bidder may withdraw its proposal for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening of bids.  
Complete digital project bidding documents are available online for viewing or purchase. Go to www.LampRynearson.com and select QUESTCDN at the upper right corner of the page or, contact www.questcdn.com and use the Project Search page. Plan sets can be downloaded and saved for \$25.00 at either site utilizing eBidDoc™ #8845233. Contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance if needed. An optional paper set of bidding documents may be obtained from the Engineer upon prepayment by cash, check, or using prepaid account with Engineer of \$25.00 if picked up and \$30.00 if mailed (both non-refundable). Contractor must give 24-hour notice to Engineer when picking up paper sets.  
Sanitary and Improvement District No. 81 of Sarpy County, Nebraska reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject all or any bids.

SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 81 OF SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
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# LEVELING UP

A look at this year’s World Video Game Hall of Fame finalists vying for all-star status

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**T**he 12 finalists for the World Video Game Hall of Fame this year draw from four decades of gaming, from Atari Asteroids, played on coin-fed consoles in arcades, to Guitar Hero, for living-room rockers who compete on a plastic guitar.

Asteroids, which debuted in 1979 and Guitar Hero, which arrived in 2005, are nominated alongside 1980s launches Elite, Metroid, SimCity and Ultima, and from the 1990s: Myst, Neopets, Resident Evil, Tokimeki Memorial, Tony Hawk’s Pro Skater, and You Don’t Know Jack.

The Hall of Fame recognizes games for their longevity, geographic reach and influence on video game design and pop culture.

There is no shortage of contenders, according to Jon-Paul Dyson, director of International Center for the History of Electronic Games at The Strong Museum in Rochester, where the Hall of Fame is located. Thousands of nominations come in each year for electronic games of all types — arcade, console, computer, handheld and mobile.

“Asteroids is an icon of the late 70s arcade. Myst showed the potential of CD-ROM technology in the 90s. Neopets became a staple of browser-based, free games as we entered the 2000s. And Guitar Hero, which is less than 20 years old, has already proven its staying power,” Dyson said in a news release revealing the finalists.

The three games that receive the most public votes will form a “Player’s Choice” ballot, to be counted with other ballots submitted by members of a committee of journalists and scholars with video game expertise. The top vote-getters will be inducted May 9.

More about the finalists, according to The Strong:

**HALL OF FAMERS**

World Video Game Hall of Fame inductees, by year of induction:

**2015**

- Tetris
- Super Mario Bros.
- Pac-Man
- World of Warcraft
- DOOM
- Pong

**2016**

- Grand Theft Auto III
- The Oregon Trail
- The Legend of Zelda
- The Sims
- Sonic the Hedgehog
- Space Invaders

**2017**

- Halo: Combat Evolved
- Street Fighter II
- Donkey Kong
- Pokemon Red and Green

**2018**

- Tomb Raider
- Spacewar!
- John Madden Football
- Final Fantasy VII

**2019**

- Super Mario Kart
- Mortal Kombat
- Microsoft Solitaire
- Colossal Cave Adventure

**2020**

- Minecraft
- King’s Quest
- Centipede
- Bejeweled

**2021**

- Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?
- StarCraft
- Microsoft Flight Simulator
- Animal Crossing

**2022**

- Sid Meier’s Civilization
- Ms. Pac-Man
- The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time
- Dance Dance Revolution

**2023**

- Barbie Fashion Designer
- Computer Space
- The Last of Us
- Wii Sports

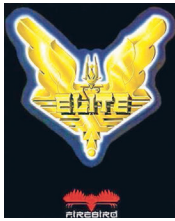
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**Asteroids**

Selling more than 70,000 arcade units, Asteroids became Atari’s bestselling coin-operated game. A home version became available on the Atari 2600.



**Elite**

Developed in Great Britain, Elite pioneered innovative 3D graphics and the idea of open-world games by allowing players to control ships that roamed the galaxy.



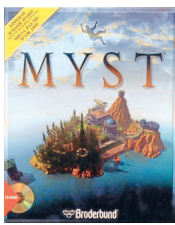
**Guitar Hero**

With its licensed music and social gameplay, Guitar Hero has sold more than 25 million units, earning more than \$2 billion. It was launched by Harmonix and acquired by Activision.



**Metroid**

Nintendo’s Metroid with its protagonist, Samus, gave the gaming industry its first playable human female character in mainstream video games. The franchise has sold more than 20 million units worldwide.



**Myst**

Released by Broderbund, Myst became the best-selling computer game in the 1990s, selling more than 6 million copies. Early CD-ROM technology offered high storage capacity but slow loading times that fit the slow-paced, contemplative style of the game.

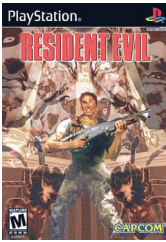


BUSINESSWIRE  
A remastered Tony Hawk’s Pro Skater



**Neopets**

The browser-based, free-to-play Neopets offered a social component that allowed players to chat with one another and form guilds. With 25 million active users at its 2005 peak, it served as a testing ground for cyber safety mechanisms and immersive advertising.



**Resident Evil**

Known as Biohazard in Japan, Resident Evil was the first game to popularize the “survival horror” genre. Created by game director Shinji Mikami and released by Capcom, Resident Evil inspired a franchise of films that have grossed more than \$1.2 billion.



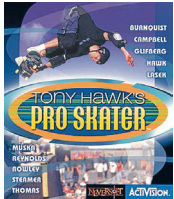
**SimCity**

SimCity, released by Maxis, SimCity helped expand the audience for video games by offering an urban design simulator that appealed to both children and adults.



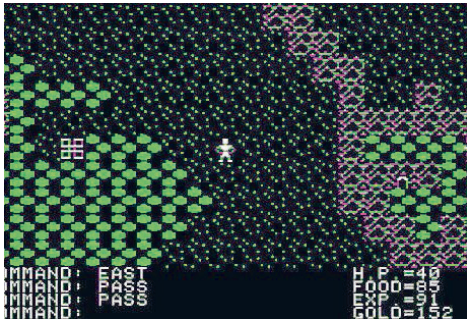
**Tokimeki Memorial**

Konami’s Tokimeki Memorial elevated the dating simulator genre, offering a cohesive narrative, colorful graphics and engaging gameplay.



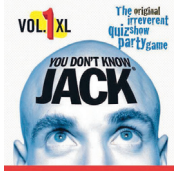
**Tony Hawk’s Pro Skater**

Launched by Neversoft/Activision in 1999, Tony Hawk’s Pro Skater led to sequels that have generated about \$1.4 billion in sales. The real-life skateboarder Hawk said the game “simultaneously ignited my career and overshadowed it.”



**Ultima**

Designed by Richard Garriott, Ultima is credited with helping to define and inspire the computer role-playing genre.



**You Don’t Know Jack**

You Don’t Know Jack reimagined the television game show for the home video game market. Streaming versions of the multiplayer game saw a boost during COVID-19 lockdowns.



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pose a question
  - 4 “\_\_\_ I Humbug!”
  - 7 Word before brow or blow
  - 10 Cal. neighbor
  - 13 1950s prez
  - 14 “My mind is blown!”
  - 16 Guinea pig or teacup pig
  - 17 Permanent patrons
  - 20 “Say cheese!”
  - 21 In vitro cells
  - 22 Impressive spread
  - 23 Line at zero degrees longitude
  - 26 Ray gun sound
  - 27 Green vegetable in samosas
  - 28 Nightclub
  - 32 Uses a buddy system
  - 36 “Beef” Emmy winner Wong
  - 37 Florida home of the Ernest Hemingway House
  - 39 Con’s opposite
  - 40 Text status
  - 42 Avocado center
  - 43 Iced dessert
  - 44 Drastic actions
  - 49 Hummus ingredient
  - 50 Entirely
  - 51 “I’ll say it again,” and what 17-, 23-, and 44-Across literally do?
  - 55 Raised, as livestock
  - 57 Poker declaration
  - 58 Bits of advice
  - 61 Glissade garb
  - 62 Valparaiso’s country
  - 63 Sandwich cookie
  - 64 Mourn, maybe
  - 65 Shoe bottoms
  - 66 Rip apart
- DOWN**
- 1 Isn’t 100%
  - 2 Pinch pennies
  - 3 Fermented milk drink
  - 4 Evidence of a vampire attack
  - 5 French friend
  - 6 Shoutout to a parent

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By Adrian Johnson & Taylor Johnson 3/19/24

- 7 Quarterback Jackson who was the NFL’s MVP in 2019 and 2023
- 8 Carry a balance
- 9 Cry at the end of a long road trip
- 10 “The Phantom of the \_\_\_”
- 11 Aired again
- 12 Crafts website
- 15 “Scream” star Campbell
- 18 Schuyler sister who married Alexander Hamilton
- 19 Prickly shrub
- 24 Fencing blade
- 25 Some hoppy brews, briefly
- 28 “Insert this” symbol
- 29 Name often said in a smart home
- 30 Winter Olympian with a rifle
- 31 Do some screen writing?
- 32 Tennis great Sampras
- 33 Attachment on the back of a Jeep
- 34 “Did I do that?” TV nerd

**Monday’s Puzzle Solved**

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- 35 Sonnets, odes, and the like
- 38 “Buena Vista Social Club” director Wenders
- 41 Evaporated
- 43 Art collection custodian
- 45 Tonsillitis doc
- 46 Copies
- 47 Genius Bar computers
- 48 Bring legal action against
- 52 Sound that rebounds
- 53 Banister
- 54 French fashion magazine
- 55 “Just so you know” shorthand
- 56 Deeply regret
- 59 Bic product
- 60 Landscaping roll

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](https://sudoku.org.uk).

Solution to Monday’s puzzle

6	3	1	7	2	9	8	4	5
7	2	8	4	5	3	1	9	6
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

You’ll have the best-looking yard around! It will all be worth it.

This time of year is always in my budget.

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AFTER A COLD WINTER, THE NURSERY HAD FLOWERS, AND THEY HOPED PEOPLE WOULD ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

ASK AMY

Parents differ about sex happening in the house

**Dear Amy:** My wife and I have a difference of opinion regarding our 20-year-old daughter. We would love your perspective.

Our daughter is a sophomore at a university in Europe, and has recently started dating another sophomore student.

When she comes home for the summer, he plans to visit.

In conversations with my wife, I have indicated that I will expect him to sleep in our guest bedroom and for our daughter to sleep in her room during his visit.

My wife makes the case that they are practically living together in college. While I acknowledge this, I feel uncomfortable with explicitly allowing them to sleep together in our home.

I am having a hard time verbalizing it, but it just doesn’t seem right to me.

Am I getting hung up by this country’s puritanical attitudes toward sex and my Roman Catholic upbringing, or is there some legitimacy to my desire to have them sleep in separate rooms? — *Pondering Papa in the Pacific Northwest*

**Dear Pondering:** Yes, your reaction might be a puritanical thing, and also a Catholic thing. But mainly — it’s a dad thing.

This is about dads and daughters, and the ancient and protective dynamic between them that seems to override logic.

Yes, you know that your daughter and her boyfriend have sex, but as long as this happens elsewhere, you’d rather not think about it, thank you very much.

Also, unless you’ve met this guy before, he is essentially a stranger to you. Letting a stranger sleep with your daughter in your own home violates

your innate bond to protect her.

The “legitimacy” of your reaction lies in the fact that you are having it.

Understand, however, that this couple will sleep together. Unless you intend to police the hallway at night, this will be happening in your home.

This is your opportunity to begin the process of letting go. It is a tough but necessary developmental step.

**Dear Amy:** I am a single man in my mid-40s. During the pandemic I started talking with a woman (online). We texted a lot and called one another often. We’ve also video chatted.

Our relationship sort of fell off the grid, but recently she got back in touch with me. We finally agreed that it was time to meet in person.

The morning of our meeting, I got a text from her saying that she was having to go into the hospital for tests. I was very concerned and asked if she was all right and if there was anything she needed from me.

She said no.

After that, she basically pulled away. Several weeks later, after I pressed the idea of meeting again, she told me that she has cancer and is undergoing treatments and she doesn’t want to see me or be in touch.

I don’t know how to process this. What do you think? — *Concerned*

**Dear Concerned:** If she is ill and doesn’t want to see you, you have to respect her decision.

However, I think there is also a possibility that she has created a fiction and has strung you along, and is now using this as a reason to sever ties with you.

Generally, it is wisest to meet in person soon after you feel a connection online. This helps to test whether both parties really want personal involvement.

You can email Amy Dickinson at [askamy@amydickinson.com](mailto:askamy@amydickinson.com).

YOUR DAILY ASTROLOGY | NANCY BLACK

**Today’s Birthday (03/19/24)** — Take advantage of lucrative conditions this year. Prevent burnout with healthy routines, rest and self-care. Discover new passion this spring, before summertime personal changes require adaptation. Insights and epiphanies light up the autumn, supporting collaborative solutions for a winter challenge. Build and grow financial strength.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 9 — Advance personal passion projects. Grow like a weed, with the Sun in your sign. Achieve dreamy objectives. You’re in your element this month.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is an 8 — You’re especially productive behind closed doors this month. Complete old projects under the Aries Sun. Strategize and plan. Savor spiritual and natural connection.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — Today is an 8 — Network and share with friends and al-

lies. Community connections flower. Get into a four-week social phase, with the Sun in Aries. Teamwork wins.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Today is an 8 — The next month can get fun at work. The Sun in Aries energizes professional growth. Advance your career. Your status and influence are rising.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Get obsessed with a fascinating exploration. Begin a month-long travel and expansion phase. Indulge your curiosity, with the Sun in Aries. Investigate the possibilities.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 9 — Energize a lucrative project. Share financial support with your partner, with the Sun in Aries. Invest for long-term growth together. Make plans and preparations.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Friendship feeds your spirit. Partnership flowers under the Aries Sun. Work and have fun together with your partner. Share support, laughter and romance.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is an 8 — Take care

of business. Prioritize health, fitness and vitality, with the Sun in Aries for a month. Reconnect with nature. Energize your work.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is an 8 — You’re lucky in love, fun and games, with the Sun in Aries. You’re attracted, and attractive. Deepen a connection. Develop passion projects. Get creative.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — Prepare treats together. Develop household improvement projects with the Sun in Aries. Prioritize home and family this month. Domestic chores and delights take precedence.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is an 8 — Studies and research flourish, with the Sun in Aries. Satisfy your curiosity this month. Indulge your passion for learning. Explore and investigate. Document discoveries.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 9 — Keep the wheels in motion for a lucrative month, with the Sun in Aries. Energize your cash flow. Make hay while the sun shines.

— *Tribune Content Agency*

TODAY IN HISTORY

**Today’s highlight**

On March 19, 1995, after a 21-month hiatus, Michael Jordan returned to professional basketball with the Chicago Bulls. (He would lead the team to three straight NBA championships from 1996-98 to go along with the Bulls’ first Jordan-led three-peat from 1991-93.)

**On this date**

In 1859, the opera “Faust” by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.

In 1931, Nevada Gov. Fred B. Balzar signed a measure legalizing casino gambling in the state.

In 1942, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered men between the ages of 45 and 64, inclusive, to register for non-military duty.

In 1945, during World War II, 724 people were killed when a Japanese dive bomber attacked the carrier USS Franklin off Japan (the ship was saved).

In 1977, the series finale of “Mary Tyler Moore” aired on CBS, ending the situation comedy’s seven-season run.

In 1987, televangelist Jim Bakker resigned as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary.

In 1991, Polish President Lech Walesa arrived in Washington for his first state visit to the United States.

In 1997, artist Willem de Kooning, considered one of the 20th century’s greatest painters, died in East Hampton, New York, at age 92.

In 2003, President George W. Bush ordered the start of war against Iraq. (Due to the time difference, it was early March 20 in Iraq.)

In 2007, a methane gas explosion in a Siberian coal mine killed 110 workers.

In 2012, the Justice Department announced it had begun an investigation into the fatal shooting of

17-year-old Trayvon Martin in Florida by a neighborhood watch captain, George Zimmerman. (No federal civil rights charges were filed; Zimmerman was acquitted of a state charge of second-degree murder after claiming self-defense.)

In 2013, Pope Francis officially began his ministry as the 266th pope, receiving the ring symbolizing the papacy and a wool stole exemplifying his role as shepherd of his 1.2-billion-strong flock during a Mass at the Vatican.

In 2020, President Donald Trump focused attention on a malaria drug, chloroquine, as a possible coronavirus treatment; the FDA issued a statement saying that there were “no FDA-approved therapeutics” to treat COVID-19.

In 2022, Russian forces pushed deeper into Ukraine’s port city of Mariupol, where heavy fighting shut down a major steel plant.

— *Associated Press*







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7 Word before brow  
or blow  
10 Cal. neighbor  
13 1950s prez  
14 "My mind is  
blown!"  
16 Guinea pig or  
teacup pig  
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patrons  
20 "Say cheese!"  
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spread  
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livestock  
57 Poker declaration  
58 Bits of advice  
61 Glissade garb  
62 Valparaiso's  
country  
63 Sandwich cookie  
64 Mourn, maybe  
65 Shoe bottoms  
66 Rip apart

- DOWN**
- 1 Isn't 100%  
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By Adrian Johnson & Taylor Johnson

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Jackson who was  
the NFL's MVP in  
2019 and 2023  
8 Carry a balance  
9 Cry at the end of  
a long road trip  
10 "The Phantom of  
the \_\_\_"  
11 Aired again  
12 Crafts website  
15 "Scream" star  
Campbell  
18 Schuyler sister  
who married  
Alexander  
Hamilton  
19 Prickly shrub  
24 Fencing blade  
25 Some hoppy  
brews, briefly  
28 "Insert this"  
symbol  
29 Name often said  
in a smart home  
30 Winter Olympian  
with a rifle  
31 Do some screen  
writing?  
32 Tennis great  
Sampras  
33 Attachment on  
the back of a Jeep  
34 "Did I do that?"  
TV nerd

## Monday's Puzzle Solved

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38 "Buena Vista  
Social Club"  
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Wenders  
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43 Art collection  
custodian  
45 Tonsillitis doc  
46 Copies  
47 Genius Bar  
computers  
48 Bring legal  
action against  
52 Sound that  
rebounds  
53 Banister  
54 French fashion  
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55 "Just so you  
know" shorthand  
56 Deeply regret  
59 Bic product  
60 Landscaping  
roll



Level **1** **2** **3** **4**

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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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6	3	1	7	2	9	8	4	5
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3	1	5	6	4	8	9	2	7
2	7	4	9	3	1	5	6	8
5	6	3	8	9	4	2	7	1
8	4	2	3	1	7	6	5	9
1	9	7	2	6	5	3	8	4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [sudoku.org.uk](http://sudoku.org.uk)



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# Kubok 16

By Davide Coppo

Difficulty:  
**EXPERT**

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41	16			
42				9
18			2	

Solution to Monday's puzzle

2	8	12	14
7	9	10	4
6	13	15	3
1	5	11	16

Enter the missing numbers from 1 to 16 without repetitions so that the sum of the four numbers in each row and column is the same as the corresponding circled number.







## NATION &amp; WORLD

## DIGEST

## EPA bans last form of asbestos used in US

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency on Monday announced a comprehensive ban on asbestos, a carcinogen that kills tens of thousands of Americans every year but is still used in some chlorine bleach, brake pads and other products.

The final rule marks a major expansion of EPA regulation under a landmark 2016 law that overhauled regulations governing tens of thousands of toxic chemicals in everyday products, from household cleaners to clothing and furniture.

The new rule bans chrysotile asbestos, the only ongoing use of asbestos in the United States.

Separately, the EPA is also evaluating so-called legacy uses of asbestos in older buildings to determine possible public health risks.

## Court extends block on Texas migrant law

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday continued to block, for now, a Texas law that would give police broad powers to arrest migrants suspected of illegally entering the U.S. while the legal battle it sparked over immigration authority plays out.

A one-page order signed by Justice Samuel Alito indefinitely prevents Texas from enforcing a sweeping state immigration enforcement law that had been set to take effect this month. The language of the order strongly suggests the court will take additional action, but it is unclear when.

It marks the second time Alito has extended a pause on the law, known as Senate Bill 4, which the Justice Department has argued would step on the federal government's immigration powers.

## BRIEFLY

**CAPITOL RIOT:** The Supreme Court rejected an appeal Monday from a former New Mexico county commissioner who was kicked out of office over his participation in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol in a case that could bolster efforts to hold other state and local elected officials accountable.

**INFLUENCER ARRESTED:** Conservative social media influencer Isabella Maria DeLuca has been charged with storming the U.S. Capitol and passing a stolen table out of a broken window, allowing other rioters to use it as a weapon against police, according to court records unsealed Monday.

**HAITI UPRISING:** Gangs attacked two upscale neighborhoods in Haiti's capital early Monday in a rampage that left at least a dozen people dead in surrounding areas as a surge in violence that began Feb. 29 continues unabated.

**ARMS SUPPLY:** North Korea has shipped about 7,000 containers filled with munitions and other military equipment to Russia since last year to help support its war in Ukraine, South Korea's defense minister said Monday, hours after the North fired multiple short-range ballistic missiles into its eastern waters.

**DEMOCRACY:** U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken underscored the need to make sure that technologies sustain democratic values Monday, telling a democracy summit in Seoul, South Korea, that authoritarian regimes deploy them to undermine democracy and human rights.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH:** President Joe Biden signed an executive order Monday aimed at advancing the study of women's health by strengthening data collection and providing better funding opportunities for biomedical research.

— Associated Press



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## NEW YORK FRAUD CASE

## Trump can't cover bond

## Attorney general says she could try to seize assets during appeal

MICHAEL R. SISAK  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump's lawyers told a New York appellate court Monday that it's impossible for him to post a bond covering the full amount of a \$454 million civil fraud judgment while he appeals, suggesting the former president's legal losses have put him in a serious cash crunch.

Trump's lawyers wrote in a court filing that "obtaining an appeal bond in the full amount" of the judgment "is not possible under the circumstances pre-

sented." Trump claimed last year he has "fairly substantially over \$400 million in cash," but back-to-back courtroom defeats have pushed his legal debt north of a half-billion dollars.

Citing rejections from more than 30 bond underwriters, Trump's lawyers asked the state's intermediate appeals court to reverse a ruling requiring that he post a bond covering the full amount to halt enforcement while he appeals the judgment in New York Attorney General Letitia James' lawsuit.

Trump appealed Judge Arthur Engoron's Feb. 16 ruling that he and his co-defendants schemed for years to deceive banks and insurers by inflating his wealth on financial statements used to secure loans and make deals.

If the appeals court does not intervene, James can seek to enforce the judgment starting March 25. James, a Democrat, says she will try to seize some of Trump's assets if he's unable to pay.

With interest, Trump owes the state \$456.8 million. That amount increases almost \$112,000 each day. Together, he and co-defendants, including his company, sons Eric and Donald Trump Jr. and other executives, owe \$467.3 million. To obtain a bond, they would be required to post collateral covering 120% of the judgment, or about \$557.5 million, Trump's lawyers said.

Trump maintains that he is worth several billion dollars, but much of his wealth is tied up in his skyscrapers, golf courses and other

properties. Few underwriters were willing to issue such a large bond and none would accept Trump's real estate assets as collateral, his lawyers said.

Trump's lawyers said freeing up cash by offloading some of Trump's properties in a "fire sale" would be impractical because such cut-rate deals would result in massive, irrecoverable losses.

In a court filing last week, Senior Assistant Solicitor General Dennis Fan urged the full appellate panel to reject what he dubbed the defense's "trust us" argument, contending that without a bond to secure the judgment Trump may attempt to evade enforcement at a later date and force the state to "expend substantial public resources" to collect the money owed.

## MIDDLE EAST



FATIMA SHBAIR, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Family members break their fast Monday during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan outside their destroyed home in Rafah, Gaza Strip.

## Netanyahu to send officials to US

## UN food organization says famine 'imminent' in north part of Gaza

AAMER MADHANI, ZEKE MILLER  
AND JULIA FRANKEL  
Associated Press

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu agreed Monday to send a team of Israeli officials to Washington to discuss a prospective Rafah operation with Biden administration officials, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said.

The agreement to hold talks about Rafah came as Biden and Netanyahu spoke Monday, their

first interaction in more than a month, as the divide has grown between allies over the food crisis in Gaza and Israel's conduct during the war, according to the White House.

The White House is skeptical of Netanyahu's plan to carry out an operation in the southern city of Rafah, where about 1.5 million displaced Palestinians are sheltering, as Israel looks to eliminate the Hamas militant organization.

Sullivan said Biden urged Netanyahu not to carry out a Rafah operation. At the coming talks, he said U.S. officials will lay out "an alternative approach that would target key Hamas elements in Rafah and secure the Egypt-Gaza

border without a major ground invasion."

The World Food Program warned Monday that "famine is imminent" in northern Gaza, where 70% of the remaining population is experiencing catastrophic hunger, and that a further escalation of the war could push about half of Gaza's population to the brink of starvation.

The European Union's top diplomat said the impending famine was "entirely man-made" as "starvation is used as a weapon of war."

Meanwhile, Israeli forces meanwhile launched another raid on the Gaza Strip's largest hospital early Monday, claiming

Hamas militants fired on them from inside the Shifa Hospital compound.

Clashes continued all day in and around the hospital, where Palestinian officials say tens of thousands of people have been sheltering.

The army last raided Shifa Hospital in November after claiming that Hamas maintained an elaborate command center within and beneath the facility. The military revealed a tunnel leading to underground rooms, as well as weapons it said were found inside the hospital, but the evidence fell short of the earlier claims and critics accused the army of recklessly endangering civilians.

## Court likely to side with Biden on social media

## GOP-led states argued that Democrats stifled views of conservatives

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court seemed likely Monday to side with the Biden administration in a dispute with Republican-led states over how far the federal government can go to combat controversial social media posts on topics including COVID-19 and election security.

The justices seemed broadly skeptical during nearly two hours of arguments that a lawyer for Louisiana, Missouri and other parties presented accusing officials in the Democratic admin-

istration of leaning on the social media platforms to unconstitutionally squelch conservative points of view.

Several justices said they were concerned that routine interactions between government officials and the platforms could be affected by a ruling for the states.

The court's decision in this and other cases could set standards for free speech in the digital age.

Last week, the court laid out standards for when public officials can block their social media followers. Less than a month ago, the court heard arguments over Republican-passed laws in Florida and Texas that prohibit large social media companies from taking down posts because of the views they express.

## Trump wants Georgia district attorney gone

## Former president and others seek to appeal decision to keep Willis

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Former President Donald Trump and other defendants in Georgia's election interference case filed court papers Monday seeking to appeal a judge's ruling not to disqualify Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis from their prosecution or dismiss the charges.

The resignation of the special prosecutor with whom Willis had a romantic relationship is not enough to correct the appearance of impropriety the judge found, according to a court filing

by attorneys for Trump, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows and five other defendants.

The filing asks Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee to grant a certificate that would allow his decision to be reviewed by the Georgia Court of Appeals. A spokesman for Willis said the district attorney's office couldn't comment.

McAfee ruled Friday that special prosecutor Nathan Wade had to leave the case or Willis couldn't continue to pursue the charges. Wade later resigned, allowing Willis to remain on the most sprawling of four criminal cases against the likely GOP nominee in the 2024 presidential election.



RELIGION



**NIRANJAN SHRESTHA, ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
A Nepalese Muslim recites the Quran at the Jame Mosque on March 12 in Kathmandu, Nepal.



**FAREED KHAN, ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Volunteers distribute food plates among people for breaking their fast at Memon mosque March 12 in Karachi, Pakistan.



**VINCENT THIAN, ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Muslims eat during Iftar, the sunset meal when Muslims break their fast, at a mosque March 12 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



**BINSAR BAKKARA, ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Students perform a prayer during the first day of the holy fasting month of Ramadan at Ar-Raudlatul Hasanah Islamic Boarding School on March 12 in Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia.

HOLY MONTH FOR MUSLIMS

Around the world, faithful observe Ramadan with charity, worship, fasting and feasting

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Muslims around the world are observing the holy month of Ramadan, with worship, charity, dawn-to-dusk fasting and nightly feasts.

Muslims gather for prayers inside mosques in Indonesia, Kashmir, Pakistan and Turkey. They gather outside at New York’s Times Square and in the Gaza Strip.

Messages recognizing Ramadan light the sky in Turkey and Germany.

Volunteers distribute food to people breaking their fast in Pakistan. In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Muslims eat a sunset meal at a mosque.

Ramadan this year comes as the Middle East remains inflamed by the ongoing Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, and many in the enclave are going hungry. Even where food is available, there is little beyond canned goods, and prices are high.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and begins with the sighting of the crescent moon.

For many of the world’s 1.8 billion Muslims, fasting began March 11, after an announcement from officials in Saudi Arabia, which is home to the holiest places in Islam.

Muslim communities may start Ramadan on different days, due to declarations by multiple Islamic authorities around the globe on whether the crescent moon has been sighted or different methodologies used to determine the start of the month.



**DITA ALANGKARA, ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Indonesian Muslims attend an evening prayer called “tarawih” on March 11 in Jakarta, Indonesia.



**DITA ALANGKARA, ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
A Muslim woman reads the Quran during an evening prayer called “tarawih” at Istiqlal Mosque on March 11 in Jakarta, Indonesia.



**MICHAEL PROBST, ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
A “Happy Ramadan” sign is illuminated in a pedestrian zone March 10 in Frankfurt, Germany.

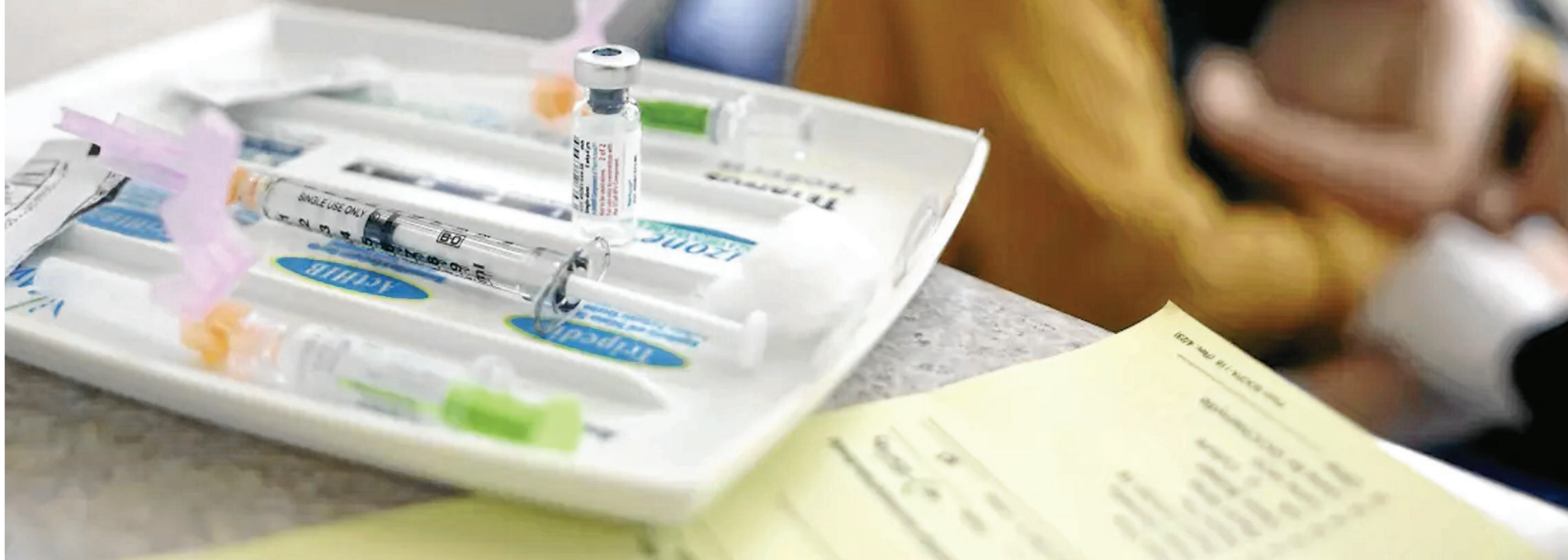


**TATAN SYUFLANA, ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
A Muslim reads the Quran at the Niujie Mosque on March 12 in Beijing, China.



## PUBLIC HEALTH

# Vaccine hesitancy making a comeback



CHRISTINA HOUSE PHOTOS, LOS ANGELES TIMES

Karla Benzl holds her son, 15-month-old Marcus, before he gets vaccinated Feb. 28 at Southern Orange County Pediatric Associates in Ladera Ranch, Calif.

## Pediatricians alarmed, measles cases surge as more parents hold off

JENNY GOLD  
Los Angeles Times

As measles cases pop up across the country this winter, one group of children is stirring deep concerns among pediatricians: the babies and toddlers of vaccine-hesitant parents who are delaying their child's measles-mumps-rubella shots.

Pediatricians say they have seen a sharp increase recently in the number of parents with concerns about routine childhood vaccinations who are demanding their own inoculation schedules for their babies, creating a worrisome pool of very young children who may be at risk of contracting measles, a potentially deadly yet preventable disease.

"Especially early on, when a parent is already feeling really vulnerable and doesn't want to give something to their beautiful baby who was just born if they don't need it, it makes them think, 'Maybe I'll just delay it and wait and see,'" said Dr. Whitney Casares, a pediatrician and author who has written on vaccination for the American Academy of Pediatrics. "What they don't realize is if they don't vaccinate according to the recommended schedule, that can really set their child up for a whole lot of risks."

### 'Alternative schedule' can expose children

It is difficult to know how widespread such delays have become. Most states keep track of kindergartners who have been vaccinated against measles, but many do not have comprehensive data for children at younger ages.

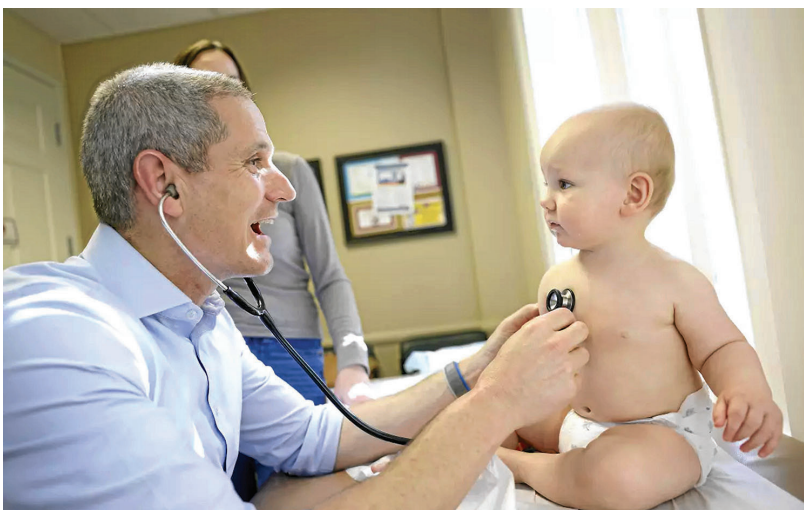
Dr. Eric Ball has seen the shift firsthand. At his Orange County, California, pediatric practice, he has noticed an increase in parents asking about delays since the COVID-19 pandemic, as politicization of and misinformation about that vaccine has seeped into discussions about routine childhood vaccinations, including measles-mumps-rubella, known as MMR.

Rather than an outright refusal, however, these vaccine-hesitant parents express a softer kind of reluctance, asking if it's possible to use an "alternative schedule" of vaccines, rather than sticking to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendations. Sometimes they seek to delay the shots by a few months, and sometimes by several years.

"I have patients who have three kids, and they vaccinated the first two kids on schedule. And then since COVID, with their third kid, they are like, 'I don't know if this is safe. I want to wait until the kids are older,' or 'instead of doing two shots



Karla Benzl of Mission Viejo, California, holds her 15-month-old son, Marcus, as medical assistant Shellee Rayl gives him his vaccinations Feb. 28 at Southern Orange County Pediatric Associates in Ladera Ranch.



Dr. Eric Ball examines 9-month-old Noah on Feb. 28 at Southern Orange County Pediatric Associates in Ladera Ranch, Calif. He said he has noticed an increase in parents asking about vaccination delays since the COVID-19 pandemic.



Noah, who is 9 months old, gets his measurements taken Feb. 28 by medical assistant Shellee Rayl at Southern Orange County Pediatric Associates in Ladera Ranch, Calif.

today, I want to do one shot," said Ball. "It just prolongs the time where you have a child who's unprotected and potentially can get sick from these diseases."

He tries his best to explain to parents the importance and safety of vaccines, including MMR. He even brings out his own children's vaccine records to prove his point, and he is often successful. But not always.

At Children's Hospital Los Angeles, attending pediatrician Dr. Colleen Kraft said about half of parents are questioning the CDC's recommended vaccine schedule — a significant increase since the pandemic.

"Even my most reasonable parents ask questions. So it's definitely in the mainstream," she said.

### Conspiracy theories resurged amid pandemic

The CDC recommends that the first dose of MMR be given when a baby is 12 to 15 months old. Usually this happens at a child's 12-month well visit. A second dose is then given at 4 to 6 years of age.

At least 95% of people in a community must be vaccinated to achieve a level of "herd immunity" that protects everyone in a community, including those who cannot get the vaccine because they are too young or are immunocompromised, according to the World Health Organization.

Low vaccination rates have led to measles outbreaks in several states over the past decade, most recently in Florida.

Nationally, the rate of kindergartners fully immunized against the measles dropped from 95% in the 2019-20 school year to 93% in 2022-23, according to the CDC.

But those postponing vaccinations have created a potential vulnerability gap in a child's first four years.

One in 5 unvaccinated people who get measles in the U.S. will be hospitalized. Since there is no good treatment for measles, doctors can often do little more than offer supportive care. One in 1,000 children with measles will develop brain swelling that can leave a child deaf or with

an intellectual disability; 1 to 3 children in 1,000 will die, according to the CDC.

Measles is so contagious that 90% of people close to an infected person will catch it if they are not immune, according to the CDC. The virus can remain contagious in a room or on a surface for up to two hours after the infected person has left.

For years in the early 2000s, anti-vaccine sentiment was at an all-time high after the publication of a now-debunked and retracted study that falsely tied the MMR vaccine to autism. In December 2014, an unvaccinated 11-year-old was hospitalized with measles following a visit to Disneyland. Over the next few months, measles spread to 125 people across seven states.

The outbreak helped galvanize support for vaccination nationwide.

"The pendulum swung back the other way, and we had a few years where vaccination rates were really high," said Ball. But the rumors and rhetoric surrounding the COVID vaccines have caused the pendulum to swing in the other direction. "We're back to dealing with conspiracy theories, things that people heard on the internet, or something that their cousin's neighbor's roommate said. It's really hard."

### No known benefits to delaying vaccinations

A Pew Research poll conducted in March 2023 found that 88% of Americans are confident that the benefits of an MMR vaccine outweigh the risks, a percentage that has remained fairly consistent since before the pandemic.

But support for all school-based vaccine mandates has fallen; 28% now say that parents should be able to decide not to vaccinate their children, even if it causes health risks for others, up from 16% in October 2019. Among Republicans, the share has more than doubled, from 20% in 2019 to 42% in 2023.

Support for the MMR vaccine was lower among parents with young children, the poll found. About 65% of parents with children under age 5 reported that the preventive health benefits of MMR were high — compared to 88% of all adults — and 39% said the risk of side effects was either medium or high; half said they worried about whether all childhood vaccines are necessary.

But there's no scientific basis and no known benefits to delaying vaccinations except in very rare medical circumstances, said Casares, whose pediatric practice is in Oregon.

Casares said the problem is that parents have an "exposure bias." They often consume an onslaught of information on social media about the risks, but very little about the benefits of vaccines or the enormous risks of the diseases themselves. She said in a country such as the United States, where vaccination rates are fairly high, most people don't see the ravages that the diseases can cause if rates fall.



# HEALTH

## EXERCISE

3 strategies to prevent injuries while exercising in your living space

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# SAFER HOME WORKOUTS

HEIDI GODMAN | Harvard Health Publishing

Working out at home is convenient, but it comes with risks (especially if you exercise alone) such as muscle strains, falls and injuries. To reduce these risks, focus on three strategies:

### 1 Create a safe workout space

Your exercise environment is the foundation for exercise safety. Make sure it's well lit (to prevent falls), well ventilated (to keep the air fresh) and not too hot (so you don't get overheated or dehydrated) or humid. Adding a dehumidifier (about \$30 for one that handles a small room) to the space might help dry out humid air, if necessary.

A safe workout space should also have a level floor and plenty of room to move.

"Your workout space should be wide enough that you can move your arms freely, without touching anything when you're standing, and long enough to accommodate your whole body when you're on the ground for floor exercises," says Janice McGrail, a physical therapist at Harvard-affiliated Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital.

Keep the floor free of clutter and throw rugs, and remove any nearby furniture with sharp corners.

### 2 Stock the space with safety essentials

The following items can boost the safety of your workout.

**A large mirror:** Maintaining the proper form during exercise is crucial to avoiding muscle strains and sprains. A framed full-length mirror (about \$10 at a big-box store) will enable you to see how you're doing. Secure the mirror to the wall to keep it from falling and shattering.

**An exercise mat:** A little cushioning underfoot will reduce pressure on your joints and provide a safer landing spot than a hard floor. The mat should be non-slip and about half an inch thick. A set of interlocking exercise foam floor tiles are perfect for the job. Prices for a set start at about \$25. (Note: Don't exercise on thick carpet, which may cause your sneakers to get stuck and cause a fall.)

**Supportive sneakers:** The most comfortable sneakers you own might not be the safest for exercising. Wear a pair that fits snugly around your heel and midfoot and has a roomy toe box, good support and soles that aren't too cushioned or beveled (as running shoes are), which may lead to a fall.

**Water:** Keep a water bottle nearby so you can take a few sips between exercises to stay hydrated.

**A smart speaker:** If you exercise alone, you'll need to call for help in case of emergency. A smart speaker that you can call out to is a great option (starting at about \$30). Just make sure your workout space has a good Wi-Fi signal. Note: You can also use a smartwatch or an alert button, but those can be pricey (hundreds of dollars). Your smartphone can also do the job.

**A carbon monoxide monitor:** Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, potentially deadly gas emitted from combustion engines. If your workout space is in a garage, along with a car, install a carbon monoxide monitor (starting at about \$20).



### 3 Practice safe habits

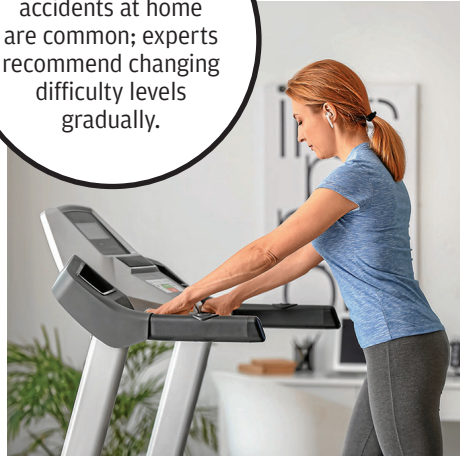
Remaining aware of exercise risks and practicing safe exercise habits should be part of your routine — just like putting on a seat belt in a car. Here are some suggestions.

**Get your doctor's OK:** Make sure you have a green light for your exercise routine if you've been inactive recently or if you have a chronic condition such as heart disease or poor balance. Start with a simple routine, and increase the difficulty gradually.

**Warm up first:** Strained muscles are common exercise injuries. Doing a five- or 10-minute warmup first — such as marching in place and moving your arms around — will prime your muscles and body for the demand of your workout.

**Don't push yourself too hard:** "In general, exercise should feel like a challenge or make you feel fatigued, but it should not cause sharp pain. It is OK and even expected for your muscles to feel tired and a bit sore after your exercise, but the soreness should go away in about a day. If you are still sore several days later, that's a sign that you did too much. Next time, use lighter weights or do fewer repetitions," McGrail says.

**Carry weights carefully:** "Grasp any weight, even a lighter one, in the middle of the handle to keep it steady so you don't drop it. When picking up heavy dumbbells or kettlebells from the floor, bend at



your knees and keep your back straight. When standing up again, use your legs rather than your back so you don't strain it," McGrail says.

**Tread lightly with treadmills:** Treadmill accidents at home are common causes of broken bones, head injuries and friction burns. If you have a treadmill, don't set the speed too fast or raise the incline too high, and change difficulty levels gradually. Take advantage of any safety mechanisms your treadmill has, such as a tether you can wear that automatically stops the machine if you fall. Keep the treadmill unplugged when you're not using it, to protect children who might want to play on it.

**Stretch after a workout:** The muscles are warm and ready for stretching. Don't bounce during a stretch, which can cause injury; hold each stretch for about 30 seconds at a time. This will help prevent your muscles from being injured during your next workout and your daily activities.



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## ASK THE HARVARD EXPERTS

# Drugs can affect the quality of your sleep

DR. HOWARD LEWINE  
Harvard Health Publishing

**Q:** I am wondering if one of my medications is interfering with my sleep. Which types of drugs are more likely to do that?

**A:** Medications that affect sleep can be prescription drugs or over-the-counter remedies. Here are some common culprits:

**Antidepressants:** Typically prescribed to treat depression or anxiety, antidepressants can have varying side effects, even within the same drug class. For example, among selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), fluoxetine (Prozac) can be stimulating and may make it hard to fall or stay asleep.

**Beta blockers:** Drugs such as metoprolol (Lopressor, Toprol XL) and atenolol (Tenormin) are used primarily to treat high blood pressure or an irregular heartbeat. These medications can sometimes decrease the body's natural levels of melatonin, a hormone that helps regulate your sleep-wake cycle.

**Decongestants:** Oral decongestants such as pseudoephedrine help shrink swollen membranes in the nasal passages, allowing more air to pass through them. But they can raise your blood pressure and heart rate and may cause insomnia in some people.

**Diuretics:** Medications such as furosemide (Lasix), torsemide (Demadex) and hydrochlorothiazide reduce the amount of sodium and water in the body. They're prescribed to treat high blood pressure, kidney disorders, liver disease and fluid retention caused by heart failure. Diuretics don't affect sleep directly, but they can interrupt sleep if they make you go to the bathroom during the night.

**Smoking-cessation drugs:** Over-the-counter nicotine-replacement medications such as nicotine patches, gum or lozenges can cause someone to have unusual dreams or nightmares and wake them up. The prescription drug varenicline (Chantix) also can cause nightmares.

**Steroids:** Oral steroids such as prednisone are used to reduce inflammation inside the body. Prednisone stimulates the production of the stress hormone cortisol and mimics what stress does to the body, which can make it hard to fall asleep and disrupt the sleep cycle.

### What you can do

There are a number of things you can do if you think your sleep problems could be related to one of your medications.

**Practice good sleep hygiene:** Go to bed and wake up at the same time each day; avoid caffeine after lunch; don't drink alcohol or eat close to bedtime; turn off electronic screens an hour before bed; and sleep in a cool, dark, comfortable spot.

**Take the medication during the day:** This applies to drugs that make it hard to fall or stay asleep, cause nightmares, or make you get up and go to the bathroom.

**Take a lower dose:** Ask your doctor if lowering your medication dose will help you get better sleep.

**Switch to a new medication:** If you've tried everything and sleep problems are becoming distressing, ask your doctor if you can switch to a medication that won't affect your sleep.

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NUTRITION | ADVICE

# FOR FANS OF CANS

How to choose the healthiest canned fruits and vegetables, according to a dietitian

JESSICA BALL | EatingWell.com

Canned foods may get a bad rap, but they are a super-nutritious and cost-effective way to up your produce intake. Plus, they are easy to stock your pantry with, so you can always have fruits and vegetables ready to add to your meals. That said, there can be a lot of products and options on the shelves at the grocery store. Here are some tips on how to choose the healthiest ones.

**1 Check the ingredients**

When choosing canned vegetables, look for a product that is just the vegetable with maybe some water and a little bit of salt added. Unseasoned canned vegetables let you customize the flavors yourself and keep the sodium content in check. When choosing canned fruits, pick products that contain only the fruit packed in 100% fruit juice rather than syrups that can be high in added sugar.

**2 Watch the added sugar and sodium**

Ideally, canned fruits packed in 100% fruit juice should have little to no added sugar. Similarly, many grocers carry “no salt added” versions of canned vegetables, aligning their nutrition with their fresh counterparts. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, products labeled “low sodium” need to have at least 25% less sodium than the original product, so they can sometimes still be high in sodium. Keep side dishes like vegetables to 360 milligrams of sodium or less per serving as a general guide.

**3 Don’t forget about fruits**

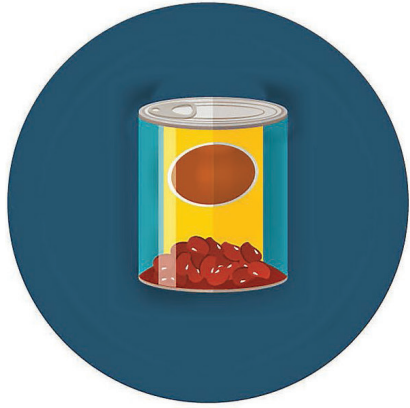
Sure, canned beans and canned tomatoes are staples for many. But don’t forget about canned peaches, pears, pineapple and more. Many canned fruits are picked at peak ripeness and go from field to can in a matter of hours. This means they ripen to their full nutrition and flavor on the plant before making it to your grocery store. Eat canned fruits as a quick snack, or add them to smoothies or yogurt. They can also be used in place of fresh for cooked dishes. Look for products that are canned with 100% fruit juice.

**4 Try store brands**

If you’re looking to save some money without sacrificing quality, store brands are the way to go. Companies that make store-brand products focus on producing high-quality foods that are distributed across the country for a more accessible option to help people stay nourished. They have comparable nutrition to other brands and usually cost a fraction of the price.

**5 Choose foods you’ll actually eat**

While canned foods can last in your pantry for a long time (think two to five years in most cases, per the U.S. Department of Agriculture), they don’t last forever. And you won’t benefit from their nutrition if you don’t actually eat the canned fruits and vegetables you buy. There are numerous options at the grocery store, so choose the ones that you and your household will actually enjoy and look forward to eating.



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# What to watch TUESDAY

March 19, 2024

All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

## Dinner Party Diaries With José Andrés

Prime Video

James Beard-winning chef José Andrés welcomes movie and TV stars Jamie Lee Curtis, Bryan Cranston and O'Shea Jackson Jr. into the kitchen in this unique half-hour special. Cooking his signature Spanish-influenced recipes, Andrés engages in vibrant, hilarious conversations with his guests while showing off some easy-to-learn cooking techniques.

## NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament: First Four

truTV, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Live

The 2024 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament tips off in Dayton, Ohio, with the First Four games tonight and Wednesday to determine which teams move on to the field of 64.

## FBI

CBS, 7 p.m.

The FBI team must work quickly when a Brooklyn migrant-center director and his wife are abducted and held hostage in the new episode "Sacrifice."

## The Cleaning Lady

FOX, 7 p.m.

While Thony (Élodie Yung) is tasked with cleaning cars for Ramona (Kate del Castillo), she comes across a distressed woman in need of medical attention in the new episode "El Camino del Diablo."

## Night Court

NBC, 7 p.m.

In the new episode "The Duke's a Hazard," Gurgs' (Lacretta) royal boyfriend pays a surprise visit, and she questions their compatibility. Meanwhile, Dan (John Larroquette) defends his family's honor after he discovers a feud that dates back centuries.



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## Extended Family

NBC, 7:30 p.m.

In the new episode "The Consequences of Being Irish," Jim (Jon Cryer) learns of Trey's (Donald Faison) St. Patrick's Day fundraiser plans, and he offers his expertise in an effort to save Trey and the Celtics from embarrassment.

## FBI: International

CBS, 8 p.m.

When a disgraced former U.S. Cabinet member is arrested in Vienna, the Fly Team is sent to investigate whether he and his assistant were peddling classified government documents in the new episode "Death by Inches."

## Alert: Missing Persons Unit

FOX, 8 p.m.

A young woman goes missing hours before giving birth, and the adopting mother turns to the MPU to locate her before the baby's life is risked in the new episode "Gemma & Isabel."

## The Voice

NBC, 8 p.m.

The battle rounds continue as the coaches prepare their artists to go head-to-head in dueling duets.

## FBI: Most Wanted

CBS, 9 p.m.

When a high school debate team and their English teacher are kidnapped in rural Pennsylvania, the Fugitive Task Force rushes to the scene in the new episode "Desperate."

## The Good Doctor

ABC, 9 p.m.

In the new episode "Critical Support," Morgan (Fiona Gubelmann) struggles with whom to name as guardian for her baby should anything happen to her.

## Password

NBC, 9 p.m.

Chance the Rapper and Jimmy Fallon pair up with contestants and face off over two games. Players from each team guess secret passwords using only one-word clues for a chance to win up to \$25,000.

## CATCH A CLASSIC

### Bron-a-Thon

MOVIES!, beginning at 10:25 a.m.

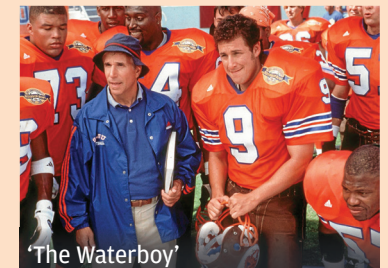
Legendary actor Charles Dennis Buchinsky, better known as Charles Bronson, leads four action-packed films this afternoon: the 1976 crime thriller **St. Ives** (pictured), co-starring John Houseman, Jacqueline Bisset and Maximilian Schell; **The Evil That Men Do** (1984), an action thriller also featuring Theresa Saldana; **Breakout** (1975), an action movie that finds Bronson with a little more lighthearted and comedic



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tone as he stars alongside his then-wife Jill Ireland as well as Robert Duvall and John Huston; and **Love and Bullets** (1979), a crime film again co-starring Ireland along with Rod Steiger and Henry Silva.

## MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



TOUCHSTONE PICTURES

**Easter Under Wraps** (2019, Romance-comedy) Fiona Gubelmann, Brendan Penny **Hallmark, 5 p.m.**

**Road Trip Hostage** (2023, Suspense) Veronica Ramirez, Lukas Stafford **LMN, 5 p.m.**

**The Other Woman** (2014, Romance-comedy) Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann **Freeform, 5 p.m.**

**Police Academy** (1984, Comedy) Steve Guttenberg, Kim Cattrall **AMC, 6 p.m.**

**Star Wars: Return of the Jedi** (1983, Science fiction) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford **FX, 6 p.m.**

**Red 2** (2013, Action) Bruce Willis, John Malkovich **VH1, 6:30 p.m.**

**A Picture of Her** (2023, Romance) Rhiannon Fish, Tyler Hynes **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

**Secrets in the Desert** (2023, Suspense) Kayleigh Ruller, Cailin McDonald **LMN, 7 p.m.**

**The Day After Tomorrow** (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal **Paramount, 7 p.m.**

**The Proposal** (2009, Romance-comedy) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds **Freeform, 7:30 p.m.**

**The Waterboy** (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates **FXM, 8:30 p.m.**

**Disappearance in Yellowstone** (2022, Drama) Lucie Guest, Jonathan Scarfe **LMN, 9 p.m.**

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TCM	★★★ Grey Gardens ('75, Documentary) Former socialites become recluses in decrepit mansion.				★★★ La Promesse ('96, Drama) (Jérémy Renard) teenager befriends a widowed illegal immigrant.		
TLC	My Knees <b>N</b>		Skin/Peeling <b>N</b>		My Baby Weighs <b>N</b>		Body/Shak <b>N</b>
TNT	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Boston Celtics. <b>N</b>				In NBA <b>N</b>	★★★ Shar <b>N</b>	
TRAVEL	Delicious	Delicious	Bizarre Foods/Zimmer		Best Bars	Best Bars	Delicious
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Florida	68	45	19	4	94	224	165	21-10-2	24-9-2	12-2-3
Toronto	66	38	19	9	85	241	208	18-12-3	20-7-6	8-9-2
Tampa Bay	67	36	25	6	78	235	225	21-9-4	15-16-2	8-7-4
Detroit	68	34	28	6	74	232	229	19-11-5	15-17-1	10-7-3
Buffalo	69	33	31	5	71	207	204	17-17-1	16-14-4	10-9-2
Montreal	67	25	31	11	61	186	236	13-17-4	12-14-7	4-11-5
Ottawa	66	28	34	4	60	211	233	18-15-2	10-19-2	11-6-2
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N.Y. Rangers	68	45	19	4	94	229	185	24-8-0	21-11-4	15-5-0
Carolina	68	42	20	6	90	232	184	22-9-4	20-11-2	12-4-3
Philadelphia	68	34	26	8	76	202	208	17-14-3	17-12-5	8-9-2
Washington	67	33	25	9	75	181	208	17-10-5	16-15-4	14-7-1
N.Y. Islanders	67	29	23	15	73	202	222	15-8-10	14-15-5	8-5-5
Pittsburgh	67	30	28	9	69	197	199	18-13-4	12-15-5	8-6-4
New Jersey	68	32	32	4	68	220	236	15-17-2	17-15-2	9-9-2
Columbus	68	23	34	11	57	199	246	13-18-5	10-16-6	4-13-3

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Colorado	68	43	20	5	91	254	204	26-6-0	17-14-5	12-6-2
Dallas	69	41	19	9	91	251	210	20-10-4	21-9-5	13-5-2
Nashville	68	39	25	4	82	219	204	18-15-1	21-10-3	14-6-1
St. Louis	68	36	29	3	75	194	205	21-11-1	15-18-2	9-11-1
Minnesota	68	33	27	8	74	212	219	18-12-4	15-15-4	8-11-2
Arizona	68	28	35	5	61	201	224	17-16-0	11-19-5	8-12-3
Chicago	68	19	44	5	43	150	242	14-18-4	5-26-1	5-14-3
Pacific	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Home	Away	Div
Vancouver	68	42	18	8	92	238	184	21-7-4	21-11-4	12-6-0
Edmonton	65	40	21	4	84	231	185	21-8-3	19-13-1	13-7-0
Los Angeles	67	34	22	11	79	204	178	14-11-7	20-11-4	9-4-4
Vegas	67	36	24	7	79	216	200	21-10-2	15-14-5	12-7-2
Calgary	68	33	30	5	71	213	220	18-16-1	15-14-4	9-7-1
Seattle	67	28	27	12	68	182	196	14-15-6	14-12-6	8-7-4
Anaheim	68	23	42	3	49	171	248	10-23-1	13-19-2	5-10-1
San Jose	67	16	44	7	39	148	268	10-19-3	6-25-4	6-12-2

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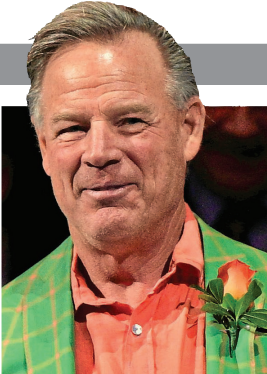
**Sunday's results**  
N.Y. Rangers 5, N.Y. Islanders 2  
Vegas 3, New Jersey 1  
Carolina 7, Ottawa 2  
Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 3  
Chicago 5, San Jose 2  
Winnipeg 6, Columbus 1  
St. Louis 4, Anaheim 2  
**Monday's results**  
Washington 5, Calgary 2  
Buffalo 6, Seattle 2  
**Tuesday's games**  
Columbus at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
Ottawa at Boston, 6 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
Winnipeg at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.  
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.  
Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.  
San Jose at Nashville, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Edmonton, 8 p.m.  
Buffalo at Vancouver, 9 p.m.  
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.  
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Vegas, 9 p.m.  
**Wednesday's games**  
Toronto at Washington, 6:30 p.m.  
Arizona at Dallas, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

STAT OF THE DAY

**1, 000** In 1994, Hartford's **Brian Propp** reached the 1,000-point mark with a goal in a 5-3 win over Philadelphia. At the time, he was the 41st to attain that milestone. Fifty-six more players have reached 1,000 since.

— Associated Press



NHL

Ex-Flyers star Simmonds retires

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PHILADELPHIA — Former Philadelphia Flyers star Wayne Simmonds announced his retirement Monday, ending a 15-year career that included NHL All-Star Game MVP honors.

Simmonds, who played in 18 games last season for the Toronto Maple Leafs, will sign a ceremonial one-day contract with the Flyers and be honored by the franchise during an April 13 game against the New Jersey Devils.

Simmonds blossomed into a durable star for the Flyers after he was acquired from the Los Angeles Kings in a 2011 trade. He scored 203 goals over his eight seasons with the Flyers.

“It’s hard to describe my emotions on a day like this, but one of my very first thoughts as I look back is my life in Philadelphia and playing for the Flyers,” Simmonds said. “Taking the ice in a Flyers sweater is a special feeling and it’s one that I’m truly proud of. The history of this franchise and standard of being a Flyer that was set is unique and one that I hold in the highest regard.”

Simmonds scored a hat trick in the 2017 All-Star Game to earn MVP honors. He was the first Black player to earn an All-Star Game MVP award since 1986. He was one of several Black players who helped form the Hockey Diversity Alliance in 2020, creating another avenue in the NHL to fight racism and intolerance in the sport.

The 35-year-old faced his share of discrimination over his hockey career. In 2013, a court in the Czech Republic banned eight fans from a stadium for one year for racially abusing Sim-



AP FILE PHOTO

Philadelphia’s Wayne Simmonds, right, celebrates with teammate Claude Giroux after scoring his second goal of the second period against the New Jersey Devils on Oct. 9, 2014.

monds when he was played there during the NHL lock-out. Simmonds was entering his third season with Los Angeles in 2011 when someone threw a banana on the ice during an exhibition game in London, Ontario. The man was fined \$200.

Simmonds was a finalist for the 2017-18 Mark Messier NHL Leadership Award and won the award in 2018-19 when he split the season between Philadelphia and Nashville.

Simmonds had 263 goals and 526 career points in 1,037 NHL regular-season games in 15 seasons with Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Nashville, New Jersey, Buffalo and Toronto (2008-23). He scored eight goals and had 22 playoff points in 53 career playoff games with the Kings, Flyers, Predators and Maple Leafs. He skated in his 1,000th NHL regular-season game in 2022 with Toronto. He originally was selected by Los Angeles in the second

round (61st overall) of the 2007 NHL draft.

Simmonds represented Canada at the 2008 IIHF World Junior Championship (gold) and at the 2013 and 2017 (silver) IIHF World Championships.

Panthers’ Kulikov suspended 2 games

NEW YORK — Florida Panthers defenseman Dmitry Kulikov has been suspended by the NHL for two games for an illegal check to the head of Tampa Bay Lightning forward Conor Sheary.

The league announced the punishment on Monday.

The play occurred 3:36 into the second period of Tampa Bay’s 5-3 victory on Saturday night. Kulikov received a match penalty.

Based on his average annual salary, Kulikov will forfeit \$10,416.66 as part of his punishment. The money goes to an emergency assistance fund for NHL players.

MONDAY’S GAMES

**CAPITALS 5, FLAMES 2:** Alex Ovechkin scored twice, Nick Jensen had two assists, and Charlie Lindgren blocked 34 shots to lead Washington to victory in Calgary.

Dylan Strome opened the scoring for the Capitals late in the first period, and Ovechkin scored back-to-back goals in the first half of the second period to extend their lead. Hendrix Lapierre and Tom Wilson also scored for Washington.

MacKenzie Wagner and Kevin Rooney had a goal apiece for the Flames.

**SABRES 6, KRACKEN 2:** Jeff Skinner had a hat trick in a win for Buffalo, handing host Seattle their fifth straight loss.

Alex Tuch and Tage Thompson each had a goal and an assist, and Zemgus Girgensons had two assists for the Sabres, who have won four of their past five games. Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen made 32 saves.



EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Boston	54	14	.794	—	8-2	W-6	31-3	23-11	35-7
Milwaukee	44	24	.647	10	7-3	W-2	27-7	17-17	30-13
Cleveland	43	25	.632	11	5-5	W-1	22-13	21-12	28-17
New York	41	27	.603	13	6-4	W-4	22-13	19-14	27-15
Orlando	40	28	.588	14	8-2	W-3	23-9	17-19	29-17
Philadelphia	38	30	.559	16	5-5	W-2	21-15	17-15	26-20
Indiana	38	31	.551	16½	5-5	L-1	21-15	17-16	27-17
Miami	37	31	.544	17	4-6	L-1	17-15	20-16	25-18
Chicago	34	35	.493	20½	6-4	W-2	18-17	16-18	18-22
Atlanta	30	38	.441	24	4-6	L-1	16-17	14-21	17-26
Brooklyn	26	42	.382	28	4-6	L-3	16-18	10-24	18-23
Toronto	23	45	.338	31	1-9	L-7	13-20	10-25	16-26
Charlotte	17	51	.250	37	2-8	L-2	9-24	8-27	10-33
Detroit	12	56	.176	42	3-7	L-3	7-28	5-28	9-34
Washington	11	57	.162	43	2-8	L-4	4-27	7-30	8-35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Oklahoma City	47	20	.701	—	7-3	W-2	27-7	20-13	30-15
Minnesota	47	21	.691	½	6-4	W-3	23-8	24-13	33-11
Denver	47	21	.691	½	8-2	L-1	27-6	20-15	26-15
L.A. Clippers	42	25	.627	5	5-5	L-2	22-11	20-14	25-18
New Orleans	41	26	.612	6	7-3	W-2	20-13	21-13	26-18
Sacramento	39	28	.582	8	6-4	W-1	20-13	19-15	27-17
Dallas	39	29	.574	8½	6-4	W-1	21-15	18-14	23-19
Phoenix	39	29	.574	8½	5-5	L-1	21-14	18-15	22-19
L.A. Lakers	37	32	.536	11	6-4	W-1	25-12	12-20	24-23
Golden State	35	32	.522	12	5-5	L-1	17-18	18-14	18-23
Houston	32	35	.478	15	7-3	W-5	23-11	9-24	22-19
Utah	29	39	.426	18½	2-8	L-2	20-15	9-24	14-25
Memphis	23	46	.333	25	3-7	L-3	8-27	15-19	13-31
Portland	19	49	.279	28½	3-7	L-3	11-24	8-25	8-36
San Antonio	15	53	.221	32½	4-6	W-1	8-24	7-29	9-31

Teams 1-6: Playoff position; Teams 7-10: Play-in tournament

Sunday's results

Milwaukee 140, Phoenix 129  
Miami 104, Detroit 101  
Dallas 107, Denver 105  
Boston 130, Washington 104  
Orlando 111, Toronto 96  
San Antonio 122, Brooklyn 115, OT  
Atlanta 110, L.A. Clippers 93

Monday's results

Cleveland 108, Indiana 103  
Boston 119, Detroit 94  
Philadelphia 98, Miami 91  
Chicago 110, Portland 107  
Minnesota 114, Utah 104  
New York 119, Golden State 112  
L.A. Lakers 136, Atlanta 105  
Sacramento 121, Memphis 111, OT

Tuesday's games

Charlotte at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
Houston at Washington, 6 p.m.  
New Orleans at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.  
Dallas at San Antonio, 7 p.m.  
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's games

Indiana at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
Miami at Cleveland, 6 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Boston, 6:30 p.m.  
Sacramento at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.  
Utah at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9 p.m.  
Memphis at Golden State, 9 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

STAT OF THE DAY

**5** Spurs rookie center **Victor Wembanyama** had 33 points, 15 rebounds, seven assists and seven blocks in Sunday's 122-115 victory over Brooklyn. He now has five games of at least 20 points, 10 rebounds, five blocks and five assists.

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NBA



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Cavaliers guard Caris LeVert shoots over Pacers guard Ben Sheppard during the first half of Monday's game in Indianapolis. LaVert finished with 23 points in Cleveland's 108-103 victory.

LaVert, Allen tally 46 points as short-handed Cavs top Pacers

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INDIANAPOLIS — Caris LeVert and Jarrett Allen each scored 23 points, and the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the Indiana Pacers 108-103 on Monday night.

Cleveland led by as many as nine in the final quarter before Indiana pulled even with 2:05 remaining. LeVert drove base-line then pulled up and swished a 9-foot fadeaway jumper to regain the lead. The Pacers didn't score again.

LeVert had 11 assists and eight rebounds. Allen had nine rebounds.

The Cavaliers were without three starters including guard Donovan Mitchell, who averages a team-high 27.4 points but was a late scratch with a nose injury.

**76ERS 98, HEAT 91:** Tyrese Maxey had 30 points and 10 assists, and Kelly Oubre Jr. had 22 points and 11 rebounds to help host Philadelphia hold off Miami in a potential preview of a play-in tournament game. Kyle Lowry survived a hard tumble over the scorer's table and scored 16 points for the Sixers in his first game against the Heat since they traded him in January.

**CELTICS 119, PISTONS 94:** Jaylen Brown scored 31 points in three quarters, Derrick White posted his first career triple-double, and NBA-best Boston beat visiting Detroit. Celtics star Jayson Tatum missed the game because of a right ankle injury.

**BULLS 110, TRAIL BLAZERS 107:** DeMar DeRozen scored 28 points, Ayo Dsunmu had 23, and Nikola Vucevic added 22 as host Chicago edged Portland. Dosunmu added 10 assists as the Bulls remained in the fight for the Eastern Conference play-in tournament.

**KNICKS 119, WARRIORS 112:** Jalen Brunson scored 34 points, and Miles McBride added a career-high 29 to lead visiting New York to their fourth straight win over Golden State. The Knicks never trailed as they earned just their fifth win in their last 19 meetings against the Warriors.

**LAKERS 136, HAWKS 105:** LeBron James had 25 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds, and D'Angelo Russell scored 27 points while tying Los Angeles' single-season record for 3-pointers (183) in a home victory over Atlanta.

**KINGS 121, GRIZZLIES 111 (OT):** Malik Monk scored 12 of his 28 points in overtime, Domantas Sabonis had his 50th straight double-double and Sacramento beat visiting Memphis. Monk added six rebounds and six assists as the Kings improved to 5-1 in overtime.

**TIMBERWOLVES 114, JAZZ 104:** Anthony Edwards had 32 points, eight assists and seven rebounds to lead Minnesota over host Utah for the second time in three days.

AROUND THE NBA

Banged up Cavaliers sign Morris Sr.

CLEVELAND — Missing three regular starters with injuries, the Cleveland Cavaliers signed forward Marcus Morris Sr. to a 10-day contract on Monday to give them some depth.

Morris played in 37 games earlier this season for Philadelphia before being traded to San Antonio on Feb. 8. The 34-year-old agreed to a buyout with the Spurs and was waived Feb. 29, allowing him to remain eligible for the postseason.

It's possible he'll stay beyond his 10-day contract with the Cavs, who have been wracked by injuries. Cleveland has lost three of four and is just 4-6 in its last 10 games.

BRIEFLY

**HEAT:** Duncan Robinson scored a season-high 30 points for Miami in the Heat's 104-101 victory over Detroit on Sunday. He also hit his 1,000th career 3-pointer in the first quarter, reaching the mark in 343 games, breaking the NBA record of 350 by Buddy Hield.

**KNICKS:** Forward OG Anunoby left the team on its Western road trip after his surgically repaired right elbow flared up. Coach Tom Thibodeau said Anunoby flew home after playing 33 minutes in a win at Sacramento on Saturday night in his third game back following surgery. Thibodeau said an MRI came back clean and that Anunoby is day to day.

**PISTONS:** Guard Evan Fournier was fined \$25,000 by the NBA for kicking the ball into the stands. Detroit lost 104-101 to Miami Saturday on Bam Adebayo's buzzer-beating 3-pointer. The 31-year-old Fournier then punted the game ball into the stands at Little Caesars Arena.

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